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Mrs. Wm. M. Chudley begs to thank most sincerely all the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted her with their vocal and instrumental services at the entertainment for the deserving poor of Victoria, on Wednesday, the 15th instant, more especially to Mr. Sehl, of the Sehl-Lombard Orchestra Co., C. H. Lombard, Sr., and the 26 young ladies, who indefatigably attended their dancing exercises for some months; likewise to Miss Byrnes for her musical assistance during the same period, thus contributing most materially to such a success.
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House and Lot and Cow.

Terms at sale. W. JONES, Auctioneer.
Take Fort st. car to Oak Bay switch. de19

New Advertisements continued on page eight.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Last Words in Sealing Correspondence Yet to Be Written—Passed for Civil Service.

Appointment of Mr. Irving Not Yet Made—Victorians Have Money to Bank.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The publication of the correspondence between Canada and the States relating to the negotiations now in progress occasioned great surprise to members of the government. They cannot divine what Mr. Foster expects to gain by it, especially as it is not complete. The original offer made by Mr. Foster on November 16, was, first for complete suspension of sealing for one year, both on sea and land; and second, for the appointment of a joint commission to dispose of the sealing question, the protection of fish in contiguous water, reciprocal immigration, commercial reciprocity or other unsettled questions between the States and Canada which either government might see fit to bring forward. No reply to Mr. Foster's communication of December has yet been sent. A draft has been submitted to Mr. Chamberlain for his consideration.

The appointment of Mr. Irving as judge of the Supreme court of British Columbia, which as stated at the time was practically decided on several weeks ago, will not be made until next week, although Liberal papers to-day incorrectly stated that the order had been passed.

The results of the last civil service examinations were announced to-day: Passed preliminary, at Vancouver: J. W. Caloney, W. A. Templeton. Passed qualifying—At Victoria: L. Duval, S. P. Shaw; at Vancouver: Ellen Bloomfield, Erena Daniels, Helena Desbrisay, Mary George, W. H. D. Ladner, T. C. Mercer, Florence Noble.

It is expected that within the next two weeks all the old postage stamps will be gone. Seven denominations of the new issue are out.

The Premier is expected back on Monday, when the date of the meeting of parliament will be finally determined.

The deposits at the government savings bank at Victoria exceeded the withdrawals last month by $4,000.

GOLD pans at Cheapside. x

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as candidate for Mayor at the ensuing Municipal Election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election

Previous to the date of election, I will, by public notice, call you together to place before you my views in municipal matters.

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Under the distinguished patronage of
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Tuesday, Dec. 21st, at 2 p.m.,
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Oil and Water Color Paintings

At my rooms, Yates street, a consignment of English Water Colors and Oil Paintings of Landscape and other subjects. Several of these pictures have been exhibited at the Royal Academy. G. BYRNES,
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AUCTION
Monday, Dec. 20th, 11 a.m.

I have been instructed by the Lands and Works Department to sell on the grounds of the Provincial Government Buildings, James Bay.

A lot of old Lumber, Window Sashes, Frames and Weights, Doors, Office Fixtures, Mantle Pieces, Office Counters, Etc., Etc., from the dismantled buildings. Material to be removed at once.

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BOUNTY FED SUGARS.

Great Britain Proposing to Impose a Tax for Protection Against Them.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The indications point to a passage in the Queen's speech, at the opening of parliament, referring to the sugar interests of the colonies. It will probably announce that the government has decided to propose a conference of the powers interested in sugar bounties. It is understood the government is prepared to announce at such conference that unless the bounty system is abandoned Great Britain will impose countervailing duties. The colonial office has been greatly exercised since the West Indian commission reported, and since the discussions in the reichstag, in which Herr Ricter admitted that did Great Britain follow the lead of the United States and tax bounty fed sugar the death knell of bounties would be sounded.

TARTE IN THIS TOO.

The Premier's Restless Lieutenant Casting About for New Associates.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—(Special) — The Montreal correspondent of the World says that there will be shortly published a famous letter dealing with a coalition proposition beside which the Langelier incident will pale into insignificance. The letter, he says, was written by Governor Chapleau to Mr. Tarte and gives away the whole scheme. He mentioned Mr. Blair's name and shows that there was a conspiracy all through to get rid of old Liberals and get the support of Conservatives.

The letter is evidently a reply to one written to Governor Chapleau by Mr. Tarte. The correspondent quotes an alleged leading Liberal in endorsement of the above, and also in proof of the statement that the visit of Lieutenant-Governor Patterson with Mr. Tarte to Spencerwood had something to do with a coalition movement after all.

PROHIBITION NOT PRACTICABLE.

Principal Grant Considers That Such a Law Could Not Be Enforced.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Principal Grant contributes another letter to the Globe this morning on the prohibition question. He argues that a Dominion prohibitory law would be more injurious than provincial legislation, and that some provinces which would be coerced would not enforce the law. He points out that in Maine the prohibitory law soon became and has remained a party question, and flagrant breaches of the law have held that state up to shame and disgrace. Full grown hypocrisy must result from this method of dealing with the temperance question. Finally, that the effective enforcement of such a law in the large cities and on the frontier would be impossible.

TACOMA TO THE FORE

Wants Efforts Centered on Abolishing Duties on Miners' Supplies Up to a Ton!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The question of the advisability of closing the subport of Dyea, Alaska, is now before the treasury department. To-day Secretary Gage received the following telegram from Tacoma, signed "Tacoma Citizens' Klondyke Committee:" "On behalf of the tens of thousands of people in the United States and continent, we beg to suggest that for the present no action be taken toward withdrawing sub-ports in Alaska, and that efforts be centered upon inducing our government and that of Canada to remove all duties on miners' ordinary outfits, consisting of only miners' supplies, weighing one ton or less."

CAPE BRETON COLLIERIES.

Their Shutting Down to Be Recommended by the Boston Company.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The board of directors of the Dominion Coal Co. have agreed to modify the determination to shut down the Victoria collieries at Cape Breton, as a result of the visit of George Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, and others, who were here trying to bring about a compromise. The directors of the company have decided to appoint a committee to negotiate with the government of Nova Scotia with a view to reaching an amicable agreement in the matter.

See our Show Windows for Useful Christmas Presents. W. & J. Wilson.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. x

THE SEALING LETTERS.

Text of the Offer of the Canadian Premier to Suspend Upon Conditions.

Loss of National Revenue a Main Cause of United States Complaint Against Canada.

Mr. Foster Sorry That Premier Laurier's Visit Promises No Satisfactory Result.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—After the return of the Canadian Premier and the Minister of Fisheries from Washington last month, an authorized statement was given out from Ottawa on the contents of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply to the proposition of ex-Secretary Foster, the American negotiator in the seal conference. This was confirmed by Sir Louis Davies in a public address at Toronto, in which it was added that in return for the settlement of the fur seal question satisfactory to the United States, Canada would expect, among other concessions, a reciprocity arrangement which would admit into the United States free of duty lumber, coal, fish, barley, eggs, potatoes and other farm produce. The communications exchanged between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Foster are now for the first time published, and are as follows:

PRIVY COUNCIL, CANADA,
Ottawa, 24th Nov., 1897.

DEAR MR. FOSTER:—Your memorandum embracing the substance of the proposals made by you at a conference held between you and myself, Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Adam, of the British embassy, has been submitted by me since my return to Ottawa to my colleagues. Your second proposition practically embodies the suggestions made by myself and my colleagues, and meets, I need hardly say, with the full approval of the Canadian government.

Though the regulations prepared by the Paris tribunal for the killing of seals in Behring sea and in the Pacific ocean have been made revisable only at the end of five years, we are quite willing to enter at once, and without waiting for the end of the period thus fixed, into an agreement to review the whole seal question with the object of settling by treaty stipulations, not that question alone, but all others in which at present the relations between the two countries are not as satisfactory as they ought to be, viz., the protection of fish in the waters of rivers and lake contiguous to the United States and Canada, the subject of reciprocal immigration, commercial reciprocity, or any other unsettled questions between the United States and Canada which either government may see proper to bring forward.

This proposition, however, is made by you contingent upon and subject to the condition contained in the first: "That the governments of Great Britain and the United States agree at once to a modus vivendi providing for a complete suspension of the killing of seals in all the waters of the Pacific ocean and Behring sea, for one year from December, 1897, and for a suspension of all killing of seals on the Pribyloff islands for the same period." There are difficulties in agreeing to that proposition which I fear will be found insuperable.

Immediately on my return I requested my colleague Sir Louis Davis, to obtain information as to the number of sealers who are fitting out for the coming year's operations and the appropriate compensantion it would be expected to be paid to them in case pelagic sealing was prohibited for a year. The information furnished me is to the effect that the fleet is preparing as usual, that the prohibition of pelagic sealing for a year would practically destroy the business for several years, because the masters, the mates, and the crews, for the larger part belonging to other parts of Canada, would leave British Columbia. The sum which would be demanded as compensation is far beyond what it would be possible for us to induce parliament to vote, even if we could recommend it. Under these circumstances and in view of the finding of the experts at the late conference that "in the great reduction of the pelagic catch of late years compared with the gradual decrease of the herd, there is a tendency toward equilibrium, or a stage at which the numbers of the breeding herd would neither increase nor decrease"; and further that "the diminution of the herd is yet far from a stage which involves or threatens the actual extermination of the species, so long as it is protected in its haunts on land," I am in hopes that you will agree

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THE SEALING LETTERS.

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to the proposition submitted at our verbal conference by Sir Louis Davies and myself, and not press for the immediate suspension of pelagic sealing.

The coast catch during the months of January, February, March and April, as gauged by the catches of the past few years, is very small. Last year the catch of the Canadian sealing fleet amounted to only 6,100, and in the year before 8,350. If the fleet therefore are permitted to prosecute pelagic sealing for these four months but little comparative harm would be done to the herd. Following these months is the season embracing May, June and July, during which, of course, no pelagic sealing can be carried on except on the Asiatic coast. It appears to me, therefore, highly probable that the joint commission suggested could finally conclude its labors long before the time when under the Paris regulations pelagic sealing could begin in Behring sea. If that commission reached a satisfactory conclusion and the congress of the United States approved of it, there would be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary Imperial legislation to carry out whavever recommendations might be agreed on with respect to the suspension or cessation of pelagic sealing in time to prevent prosecution of the business in Behring sea next year.

It is obvious, however, that any conclusion which might be reached by the joint committee must, to be effective, be ratified by Congress as well as by Imperial legislation, and unless the session of Congress which opens in the coming month, December, and closes, I understand, about the 4th of March, ratifies any treaty which might be agreed to before its termination, it would necessarily lie over for another year. This would involve the renewal of the suspension for a second year, with a further claim for compensation on the part of the sealers.

I would also more strongly urge upon you the view here presented because pelagic sealing, being at present a legitimate business carried on under the sanction of the Paris regulations, cannot be stopped until the Imperial parliament has enacted the necessary legislation prohibiting it, and as that parliament will not meet until early in February next it seems obvious that such legislation could not be hoped for until, at any rate, late in the month of February. At that date the result of the labors of the joint commission, if it were constituted at an early date, would be known and could be submitted for approval at the coming session of Congress.

Under all these circumstances, therefore, we do not see how it is possible to agree to the suggested suspension, but we see no reason to doubt, if the appointment of a joint commission results in the submission of a treaty which Congress would ratify, the necessary Imperial legislation could be procured in time to carry out its recommendation with regard to Behring sea sealing before the close season ends and pelagic sealing begins, and so attain the object you have in view. Yours respectfully,

WILFRID LAURIER.

UNITED STATES ARGUMENT.

It Was Unneighborly for Canada to Seek a Share in the Immense Profits of Sealing.

To the communication printed above Mr. Foster replied as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, Dec. 2nd, 1897.

DEAR SIR WILFRID:—I received on the 30th ult., through the British embassy, your letter of the 23th ult., in which you kindly communicate your answer to the proposition which I submitted in the conference which I had the pleasure to hold with you, your colleague and Mr. Adam of the British embassy, on the 10th ult. Your answer is in effect a declination of my proposition and a renewal of the proposition made in the conference by Sir Louis Davies and which at the time I stated my government could not accept.

The considerations in support of your colleagues' proposal, restated by you, have been submitted to the President, and he directs me to express his regret that they are not of such a nature as to justify him in reversing the position taken by me in our conference. You intimated that if pelagic sealing is continued during the earlier months of the year the catch would not exceed six thousand, which you think would do little harm to the herd. This might be the case if it was in its normal condition, but such a catch would be approximately equal to 30,000 in normal times, and in its present depleted condition would create a serous inroad on the herd. The state of "equalibrium" contemplated by the experts, to which you refer, was at a still more depleted stage than even now exists. It is admitted that the industry is at present unprofitable for both the lessees and the pelagic sealers. Should the herd reach the equalibrium pointed out by you, it will have passed the period when negotiations will be of any avail.

But in addition to the injury that a continuance of early pelagic sealing will do the herd, it will also entail on the United States the heavy expense of patrol during the entire summer, even though a settlement should be reached, as you think possible, before August, as the Victoria fleet will be at sea, an expense which for the past four years has been $150,000 annually.

In view of your statement that parliament would not convene till February, we would be quite willing to have the proposed suspension of sealing take effect at such a date in February as would enable the necessary legislation to be passed, provided a modus vivendi could be signed at once. Such an arrangement, it is believed, would obviate the legal difficulty to which you refer.

There is no disposition on our part to embarrass the Dominion government by asking impossible or unreasonable conditions. This is more apparent when I recall the fact that four years ago, when the Paris tribunal rendered its award, that body "in view of the critical conditions" to which the herd was reduced recommended the two governments to suspend the killing of seals for a period of two or three years. If such a measure was called for then, how much more reasonable is the request for a single season suspension now, after four more years of disastrous slaughter of seals, during which period the experts agree, the herd has steadily declined.

Your frank, courteous letter reveals the fact to which I had occasion to refer during your friendly visit to this city, and which constitutes serious obstacles to our negotiations. We seem to have failed to impress upon the Canadian government, past or present, our view that pelagic sealing ought to be voluntarily given up because it is unneighborly, in that it destroys a valuable industry of our government, and inhumane because it is exterminating a noble race of animals useful to the world.

We paid Russia a large sum for Alaska, and the chief prospective return then visible was the sealing industry, which had yielded the Russian government and subjects large profits. We enjoyed the industry undisturbed for fifteen years, reaping a rich return to the government and the lessees, the revenue to the federal treasury up to 1891 being estimated at over $11,000,000, a sum much larger than was paid to Russia for the entire territory.

Suddenly the pelagic sealers entered upon the work of destruction and they have brought the industry to the point when it is no longer profitable. This work of destruction has been prosecuted as a conceded legal avocation, and when we have called attention to the rapid diminution of the herd and the treaty obligations to protect and preserve it we have been met by the declaration that its actual extermination is not immediately threatened.

When it is proposed to negotiate for the surrender of the legal right of pelagic sealing, we are told that this cannot be brought about by a fair compensation to those engaged in the industry, but that the question must be included with a number of other subjects having no relation to it whatever, and that it must wait the fate of all these matters, some of which, such as commercial reciprocity and the tariff, are very complex in their character; and others, as the northeastern sea fisheries, of long standing and very difficult of adjustment.

Notwithstanding, the President feels that the subject of the proper protection of the seals should not be complicated with other questions of intricate public policy and conflicting interests. In his earnest desire to promote a more friendly state of relations between the two neighboring countries he has consented that all those questions should be embraced in one series of negotiations if meanwhile a modus vivendi could be agreed upon which would save the seals from destruction while the negotiations were in progress.

You have been misinformed as to the duration of the coming congress, and it will continue beyond the 4th of March next without constitutional limitation. But it could hardly be anticipated that the subjects which you desire to have considered would be adjusted by treaty stipulations and the necessary legislation result with the dispatch indicated in your letter, even with the most friendly spirit of conciliation. The variety of questions to be considered and the interests to be considered would compel deliberation in the negotiations and might create discussion before legislation could be secured.

I have explained at length the reasons which control the President in adhering to the position which under his instructions I assumed during our informal conference, because of my wish to have you understand that we are greatly desirous of bringing about a better understanding with your government. I am extremely sorry and greatly disappointed that your visit to Washington gives so little promise of satisfactory results, but I entertain the hope that it may bear good fruits. I remain, with sentiments of the highest esteem, Yours very truly,

JOHN W. FOSTER.

A CARDINAL IN THE LORDS.

Proposal of This Nature Said to Be Before the British Premier.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A despatch to the Chronicle from Rome says that vatican officials confirm the report that the Duke of Norfolk, the British postmaster-general, has approached Prime Minister Salisbury with a view to obtaining the admission of Cardinal Vaughan into the House of Lords. The admission of the Cardinal would greatly please the Pope. Assuming that there is any truth in the despatch, the only means whereby the Cardinal could enter the House of Lords would be his creation as a temporaly peer. His creed would be a barrier to his entering on the same footing as the English bishops.

RUSSIA IN OCCUPATION.

A Squadron Takes Up Quarters at Port Arthur for Winter Shelter.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—It is announced that a Russian squadron under Rear Admiral Reounow, has entered the harbor of Port Arthur, on the Chinese coast, with the entire acquiesence of the Chinese government. The squadron intends to remain at Port Arthur also throughout the winter. This is due solely to the need of a temporary winter station, and there is no question of forcible occupation or hostile demonstration, or any intention against China, Germany, Japan or other power.

More German Consuls.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The government has decided to make a considerable increase in the number of professional consuls, especially in the United States, in the British colonies and in South America. A number of recent cases in these countries show the necessity of maintaining trained consuls of diplomatic experience in many places now served by local residents.

MARINE MATTERS.

The Tacoma Bound Outward—No News of the Cleveland's Boats.

On the Northern Pacific steamship Tacoma, which arrived from the Sound at 1 o'clock this morning, and which sails for the Orient some time about noon to-day, will go forward to Hongkong a big shipment of old horseshoes that have been collected locally by an enterprising Chinaman. The shoes are used in the making of cutlery and certain parts of machinery, it being said that for the latter no better material can be found. A quantity of lumber also will go from here. There will be some half dozen Chinamen embarking from this point, but these will probably be the only Victoria passengers. Chief Officer Smith has been transferred from the Victoria to succeed Mr. A. Dixon, who has been promoted to the command of the Tacoma.

A private telegram from Alberni states that up to 10 o'clock last evening, no word had been received there of any of the Cleveland's missing boats. Search for them was being actively prosecuted, and before the COLONIST next reaches its readers the hope that the lost men are safe at Clayoquot will have been verified or dispelled. The Maude is going to the scene of the wreck to-day, to receive cargo.

A card on the outside of office door says: "Gone to lunch. Be back in ten minutes." And, the man will be there on time. That is, for some days, weeks or even months, he will. Then he will be at home occasionally for a day. He'll tell you he had a headache—a turn of cholera morbus, or maybe he'll say he had a lump in his stomach and felt too miserable to move. The lump was probably two or three ten-minute lunches condenced.

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CHARGED WITH LIBEL.

Criminal Actions Taken by Provincial Ministers Against Publishers of Opposition Newspapers.

Charges of criminal libel have been preferred against Senator William Templeman, of the Times newspaper, and Hewitt Bostock, M.P., Ian Coltart and W. C. Nichol, of the Province. The information was laid by Hon. J. H. Turner, Premier of British Columbia, and Hon. C. E. Pooley, President of the Executive Council, before Magistrate Macrae, the ground upon which the action is taken being an article in the Province of a week ago criticizing the connection of Messrs. Turner and Pooley with respect to a Klondyke company. The information charges that the libel was written in the sense of imputing that the two ministers had betrayed the public trust reposed in them and have received bribes, and "that they did put and are prepared to put the plans and purposes and secret information of the executive council and government of the said province of which they are members at the disposal of a certain commercial company or companies with which they are connected, and that they are lending such their official influence and official knowledge as such members of the said executive council to the promotion of companies of a questionable character [meaning in regard to honesty] for a valuable consideration, direct or indirect to a large amount, paid or given by such companies to each of them the said John Herbert Turner and Charles Edward Pooley therefor and that such their conduct constituted a corrupt bargain and sale of themselves and prostitution of such their public offices for their own private gain as men in high places, meaning their said places as such minister of finance and agriculture and president of such executive council."

Senator Templeman and Mr. Coltart were served yesterday and the preliminary hearing comes up in the police court on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Robert Cassidy is acting for Messrs. Turner and Pooley.

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Boiled Salmon, Lobster Sauce.
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ENTREES.

Oyster Patties.
Kidney Saute aux Champignons.
Pigeon Pie.
Broiled Teal Duck on Toast.

SALADS.

Shrimps Mayonnaise.

ROAST.

Beef and Horse Radish.
Veal with Dressing.
Stuffed Goose, Apple Sauce.

VEGETABLES.

Brussel Sprouts. Artichokes. Sweet Corn.
Boiled, Mashed and Browned Potatoes.

DESSERT.

Plum Duff, Brandy and Hard Sauce.
Mince, Apple, Strawberry and Pear Pies.
Glass of Beer or Wine, Tea or Coffee.
Imported and Domestic Cheese,
Assorted Fruits, Nuts, Etc.

IN matters fraternal, the A.O.U.W., especially since the introduction of the classified assessment, have throughout this province been making steady and rapid progress. New lodges have been established at Trail and Rossland and later at Nelson. From Comox, on Vancouver island, to East Kootenay this useful and charitable order have undertaken as their field of labor. Of course in the older settlements, such as Victoria and Vancouver, for years past the work has gone steadily on. Victoria lodge, No. 1, will on Wednesday night elect their officers for the ensuing year, and it is expected that all brethern will attend on that evening.

A. R. Renton and wife, of Deloraine, are guests at the Dominion.

J. M. Barkley left for Boston via the C. P. R. yesterday morning. Mr. Barkley will remain in the east for a month or so, and while there will probably purchase a carload of dogs for service on the trails to the upper Yukon.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip maintain and operate, by any kind or kinds of motive power, either a standard or narrow-gauge railway, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and merchandise from Teslin Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, in a southerly direction to some point on the Pacific coast or inlets thereof, in the said Province; with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, elevators and railway stations in connection therewith, and generally to carry on the business of transportation; to erect, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and any branches thereof; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes aforesaid; to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over the said railway or any of its branches; together with all such other powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., the 8th day of December, 1897.

H. E. A. ROBERTSON,
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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing a railway from some point on the Skeena River, in the Province of British Columbia, to some point at or near the eastern boundary of the Province, with power to build branch lines to be operated by any known motive power to any mining or farming regions practicable in connection with the said railway; to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway or any part thereof; to construct elevators, build wharves, docks, warehouses, smelters, refineries, concentrators, stamp mills, etc.; to carry on a general mining and transportation business; to build, construct, acquire, and operate ships, steamships, barges or other water craft; to appropriate or otherwise acquire water power, rights and privileges.

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Aside from this, one of the greatest sopranos of the century, Marie Toulinguet, will make her first appearance here on this occasion. Toulinguet made an immense and unexpected hit with the great Col. Mapleson's Imperial Opera Co., and it is only owing to the fact that there will be no grand opera worthy of the name in New York this season that both Toulinguet and Scalchi will be heard in other cities of the country.

MME. SOFIA SCALCHI.

The performance to be given by this company will prove a welcome one inasmuch as Victorians are to have at least one act of grand opera given in costume with scenery, paraphernalia, etc. Besides this each artist will sing some favorite number in the first part of the evening's entertainment. It goes without saying that this will be the great musical event of the season. The sale of seats opens at 9 o'clock to morrow morning at Jamieson's.

The complimentary concert to Mr. J. G. Brown to-morrow evening in the A.O.U.W. hall promises to be one of the social and musical events of the season. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McInnes has consented to be present and open the proceedings with an address. It is not neccessary to remind the people of Victoria of the many occasions on which Mr. Brown has catered to their pleasure and instruction, and standing room should be at a premium at 8 o'clock to-morrow night. This concert is a popular one from every point of view—popular programme, popular price of admission, and in honor of a popular vocalist. The following is the programme and it would be hard to find one better in any respect:

PROGRAMME.

Opening Address by Lieutenant-Governor McInnes.
Tenor solo—"Don't be Cross" .... O. Zeller
Mr. J. Pilling.
Reading—"Getting Photographed" .... Jeems Kaye
Mr. Wm. Allan.
Violin solo—"Concert Mazurka" .... Wieniawski
Dr. R. Nash.
Baritone Solo—"The Storm Fiend" .... J. L. Roeckel
Mr. J. G. Brown.
Reading—"Romance of a Bargain Counter"
Mr. Wm. McNeill.
Soprano Solo—"The Dream Angel" .... Ed. St. Quentin
Miss Jameson.
Violin obligato by Mr. E. Powell.
Baritone Solo—"The Goodwin Sands" .... Adams
Mr. Gideon Hicks.
Instrumental—"Serenade" .... J. Fancho
Æolian Club.
Mezzo-Soprano Solo—"Flight of Ages" .... Beven
Mrs. Greigson.
Violin Solo—"Highland Wreath" .... Carl Volti
Miss Blackie.
Baritone Solo—"Her Majesty" .... S. Adams
Mr. H. Kent.
Reading—"The Painter of Seville" .... S. Wilson
Miss Lillian Armson.
Contralto Solo—"Beauty's Eyes" .... Tosti
Mrs. Rickaby.
Violin obligato by Dr. Nash.
Piano Selections—
(a) "Grand Prelude, C minor" .... Rachmaninoff
(b) "Souvenir de Chopin" .... Rachmaninoff
Mr. G. J. Burnett.
Tenor and Baritone Duet—"The Fisherman" .... Cabussi
Messrs. P. C. L. Harris and J. G. Brown.
Male Choruses—"Oh, Sorrow Not" .... Truhn
"Soldiers' Chorus" .... Gounod
Under direction of Mr. Greig.

The usual Saturday evening concert took place in the Temperance hall last night before a good audience, Mr. Reynolds of H. M. naval yard, Esquimalt, occupying the chair. The concert was under the able direction of Mr. Gideon Hicks, and the programme was a varied one of local solos, part songs, instrumental solos and duets. Next Saturday evening there will be no concert owing to the holidays. The annual New Year's day reception and free concert in the evening will be given in Temperance hall on New Year's day.

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VANCOUVER SPORT.

Entertainment Provided in Default of Those Prohibited Music Halls.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Vancouver is trying to give campers in winter quarters a real nice time, including a hot boxing match last night, and a cock fight to-night in a well known stable. The latter contest drew all the "dead game sports" in town and it was a red letter night for that kind of sport. The whole city was on to the secret to-day.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

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LADIES' PRACTICE.

The ladies will hold their regular hockey practice at the Oak Bay grounds on Monday, at 3:30 o'clock.

BASKET BALL.

NO. 1 CO. V. "SWIFTS."

The second league game will be played between No. 1 Company and the Y.M.C.A. Swifts at the Y.M. Basket Ball hall, 90 Fort street, to-morrow evening. The Swifts' team will be: Guard, A. Reid; backs, W. Kinsman and P. Smith; forwards, J. Hemsworth, H. Erskine, F. Cullin and C. Wilson. Reserve—W. Peden.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA COLLEGE V. COLUMBIAS.

The above game took place at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon. The Columbias winning the toss elected to play up hill, and shortly afterwards Berkeley scored the first goal for them. The College nearly scored several times, but through the good play of the backs they were stopped. Shortly before time Marshall made a good shot on goal and scored. In the second half the game was played mostly in the Columbia's goal, but the College forwards failed to score. Berkeley again getting the ball, made a rush and Wilson scored the third goal for the Columbias. For the College, Foulks, Marpole, Hunter and Holen played excellently well—as did Dier, Burns and Berkeley for the Columbias.

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No name on earth, perhaps, is so well known more peculiarly constructed or more widely imitated than the word DODD. It posses a peculiarity that that makes it stand out prominently and fastens it in the memory. It contains four letters but only two letters of the alphabet. Everybody knows that the first kidney remedy ever patented or sold in pill form was named DODD'S. Their discovery startled the medical profession the world over and revolutionized the treatment of kidney diseases.

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Why is the name "Dodd's Kidney Pills" imitated? As well ask why are diamonds and gold imitated. Because diamonds are the most precious gems, gold the most precious metal. Dodd's Kidney Pills are imitated because they are the most valuable medicine the world has ever produced.

No medicine was ever named kidney pills till years of medical research gave Dodd's Kidney Pills to the world. No medicine ever cured Bright's disease except Dodd's Kidney Pills. No other medicine has cured as many cases of Rheumatism, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Lumbago, Dropsy, Female Weakness, and other kidney diseases as Dodd's Kidney Pills have. It is universally known that they have never failed to cure these diseases, hence they are so widely and shamelessly imitated.

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Purest and Best for Table and Dairy
No adulteration. Never cakes.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE BY-LAW, 1897.

List of Lands and Improvements within the Corporation of the City of Victoria, to be sold for Taxes and Costs on the 29th day of December, 1897, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock, noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

Lot.	Block.	Section.	Lands and Improvements.	Assessed Owner.	Registered Owner.	Amount of Taxes for Year or Years ending Dec. 31, 1896, unpaid Nov. 24th, 1897.	Collector's Commission and Contingent Expenses of sale.	Total Amount of Taxes and Costs.
Part 171	25	.....	Land and Imp.	J. H. Seeley	Pt. W.C.S. Seeley, pt. W.C.S	$ 67 35	$ 9 43	76 78
Part 171	25	.....	do do	Mrs. W. C. Seeley..	Seeley & Emmanuel Baria,	69 00	9 66	78 66
Part 171	25	.....	do .....J	H Seeley & E Baria	pt. Sarah C. N. M. Renworth	31 35	4 39	35 74
N part 406	13	.....	do and Imp.	D. F. Adams	James Porter	108 75	15 22	123 97
E part 432	W	.....	do do	Mrs. J. C. K. Greenwood	John K. Greenwood	44 25	6 19	50 44
E part 791	10	.....	do do	Mrs. Mary Jamieson	Not registered	22 55	3 15	25 70
807	10	.....	do	John Colbert	John Colbert and Joshua H. Warner	34 50	4 83	39 33
872	J	.....	do and Imp.	Sam Hop Tang	San Hop Tang	54 37	7 61	61 98
E ½ 878	J	.....	do do	Lucie Thiebault	Lucie Thiebault	30 66	4 30	34 96
14 of 955, etc.	44	.....	do	W. H. Ellis	P. R. Brown	13 50	1 89	15 39
N pt 15, do	44	.....	do	do	do	2 00	28	2 28
S do do	44	.....	do	W. J. Cline	do	10 00	1 40	11 40
1026	Z	.....	do	J. Bigne	Not registered	39 76	5 56	45 32
1038	Z	.....	do and Imp.	Mrs. Rose Wallace ..	James Wallace	16 50	2 31	18 81
1046	7	.....	do	Shelton & Fleming ..	Frank Shelton and Lizzie Fleming	15 00	2 10	17 10
1128	33	.....	do	B. H. John	Bedlington, H. John	16 50	2 31	18 81
1129	33	.....	do and Imp	do	do	24 75	3 45	28 20
1263	H	.....	do do	John Turner	John Turner	255 00	35 70	290 70
13 of 1257	T	.....	do do	Winnifred Gibson...	Winnifred Gibson	31 50	4 41	35 91
1301	46	.....	do do	J. C. Prevost	Andrew D. Laing	42 37	5 93	48 30
1302	46	.....	do	do	do	41 25	5 77	47 02
1303	46	.....	do and Imp	do	do	43 88	6 14	50 02
1313	44	.....	do	G. A. Keefer	Not registered	39 74	5 56	45 30
1314	44	.....	do	do	do	39 74	5 56	45 30
E part 1631	32	.....	do	Mrs. Ellen Turner ..	Ellen Turner	6 00	84	6 84
1632	32	.....	do and Imp	do ..	do	18 75	2 62	21 37
1633	32	.....	do do	do ..	do	25 50	3 57	29 07
1634	32	.....	do do	do ..	do	27 00	3 78	30 78
1637	32	.....	do	do ..	do	16 50	2 31	18 18
5 of 1707-1711	60	(Map 220)	do	H. M. Dumbleton	Henry M. Dumbleton	21 00	2 94	23 94
6 of 1707-1711	60	do	do	do	do	21 00	2 94	23 94
N part 1746	60	.....	do	A. J. Smith	Andrew J. Smith	27 00	3 78	30 78
7 of 1777-1791	61	.....	do and Imp	W. H. Flewin	Wm. Hy. Flewin	20 25	2 83	23 08
1867	63	.....	do	Est. W. C. Seeley ...	Wm. C. S. Seeley	35 82	5 01	40 83
1872	63	.....	do and Imp.	do	do	45 94	6 43	52 37
Part	3	Beckley Farm ...	do	R. R. Bayne	Richard R. Bayne	24 00	3 36	27 36
5	15-16	do ...	do	W. D. Morgan	Winslow D. Morgan	19 86	2 78	22 64
31	20	do ...	do and Imp.	Fred. McGraw	Frederick McGraw	18 99	2 66	21 65
W ½ 32	20	do ...	do	do	do	7 62	1 06	8 68
10	21	do ...	do and Imp.	W. H. Cowper	Wm. Hy. Cowper	51 00	7 14	58 14
11	21	do ...	do	do	do	48 00	6 72	54 72
12	21	do ...	do	do	do	55 50	7 77	63 27
6 of 7-9	22	do ...	do	T. Corsan	Thomas Corsan	11 25	1 57	12 82
2	1	Christ Ch. Tr. est.	do	W. H. Ellis	Wm. H. Ellis	24 00	3 36	27 36
11	1	do	do and Imp	do	do	35 25	4 93	40 18
6	37	Fairfield Estate..	do	J. E. Martin	James Douglas	4 50	63	5 13
22	37	do ..	do	Richard Robinson...	do	4 12	57	4 69
10	4	19	do	Catherine J. John...	Catherine J. John	3 00	42	3 42
.....	14	68 (Map 261) ...	do	Est. W. R. Clarke..	Wm. R. Clarke	23 24	3 25	26 49
17	5a	68 & 74 (Map 260 a)	do	A. L. Belyea	Benjamin S. Oddy	2 40	33	2 73
25	5a	do	do	do	do	2 40	33	2 73
2	3	74	do	Mrs. Agnes Reid	Agnes Reid	4 87	68	5 55
3	3	74	do	do	do	3 38	47	3 85
35	5	74	do	Wm. Farmer	Euphemia Cline	4 05	56	4 61
37	5	74	do	Wm. Moore	do	3 38	47	3 85
36	5	74	do	Dr. L. N. McKechnie.	do	3 37	47	3 84
38	5	74	do	do	do	4 05	56	4 61
N ½ 6..Regent's park.		74	do	J. J. Austin	John J. Austin	4 50	63	5 13
7 ..... do	do	74	do	do	do	16 50	2 31	18 81
8 ..... do	do	74	do	do	do	13 50	1 89	15 39
19	2-3	Fernwood Estate.	do	E. G. Anderson	P. W. Patterson and Ed. G. Anderson	1 39	19	1 58
34	2-3	do ..	do and Imp.	J. H. Brownlee.....	Annie Hind	15 00	2 10	17 10
11	13 17 &c	do ..	do	H. Smith	William Wilson	3 75	52	4 27
Part	21-22	do ..	do and Imp.	P. S. Fenerty, et al..	Sarsfield, Joseph, Kate, Anna and John Fenerty	300 99	42 13	343 12
Part	36	do ..	do do .	do do ..	do do	89 42	12 53	101 95
16	34	do ..	do do	John Colbert	Daniel R. Young	17 25	2 41	19 66
N ½ 3	58-59	do ..	do do	J. J. Austin	J. J. Austin	5 25	73	5 98
32	69	do ..	do	John Teague	John Teague	5 25	73	5 98
33	69	do ..	do	do	do	6 00	84	6 84
35	69	do ..	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
37	69	do ..	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
111	69	do ..	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
18	45-48 &c	25	do	Chan Man Cheong...	E. B. C. Hannington and Hy. Croft	2 70	38	3 08
74	do	25	do	W. H. Phillpot.....	Wm. H. Philpott	5 01	70	5 71
87	do	25	do	G. A. McBain.....	John D. Foreman	6 56	92	7 48
34	69-72	Spring Ridge....	do and Imp	C. Farrington	Christopher Farrington....	7 50	1 05	8 55
43	69-72	do ..	do do	Mrs. M. R. Robbins..	Clara O'Haggerty	9 00	1 26	10 26
8	Suburban	5-acre lots N ¼ 7	do and Imp.	W. J. Cline	Walter J. Cline	21 00	2 94	23 94
34	do	do 8	do do	Thos. Tugwell.....	Thomas Tugwell	17 25	2 41	19 66
18	do	do 19	do	F. H. Curry	Frank H. Curry	5 40	75	6 15
W ½ 36	do	do 19	do	Mrs. John Smith	John Smith	2 70	38	3 08
W ½ 59	do	do 19	do	do	do	2 70	38	3 08
14	A	Finlayson Est ...	do and Imp.	Mrs. Kate Wilson ...	Joseph Wilson	25 50	3 57	29 07
8	B	do ..	do do	T. J. Dearberg.....	Thomas J. Dearberg.....	18 00	2 52	20 52
12	C	do ..	do	Tong Yue & Co.....	Charles J. Mulkey	18 00	2 52	20 52
15	Q	Work Estate ...	do	N. P. Snowden	Northing P. Snowden	9 00	1 26	10 26
16	Q	do ..	do	do	do	10 50	1 47	11 97
17	1, 7, 8, 9	do (Map 162)	do	Loo Chong Shang & Chow Kai	Royal Agnew	33 73	4 72	38 45
96	7	Hillside Ext. IV	do	Donald Smith	Donald Smith	13 50	1 89	15 39
97	7	do IV	do and Imp	do	do	17 25	2 41	19 66
128	9	do IV	do do	J. A. Grant	James A. Grant	14 25	1 99	16 24
161	10	do IV	do	James Jeffery	James Jeffrey	9 75	1 36	11 11
253	13	do C	do and Imp	Mrs. L. Winnett.....	Lydia Winnett	7 50	1 05	8 55
255	13	do C	do do	do	do	7 50	1 05	8 55
6 of 3	7-9	Saanich Ext.....	do	Sam Wai	Sam Wai	3 38	47	3 85
10 of 4	7-9	do ..	do	do	do	3 00	42	3 42
22 of 1	56-57 &c	29-30 Oaklands ..	do and Imp	A. V. Wover.....	Emanuel Levy and Emmanuel J. Salmon.....	5 99	84	6 83
2 of 2	do	do do ...	do	G. P. Carter.....	Joshua Davies			
					Henry Moss	4 23	59	4 82
1 of 3	do	do do ...	do	F. J. Julift	do do	2 70	38	3 08
14 of 3	do	do do ...	do	do	do do	2 70	38	3 08
22 of 3	do	do do ...	do	Est. Geo. Fairbrother	do do	2 70	38	3 08
.....	10	do do	do	C. Farrington	Not registered	52 00	7 28	59 28
1	1 5	10 Victoria West	do	Thos. Henderson ...	Thos. Henderson	4 50	63	5 13
2	1 5	10 do	do	do	do	4 13	58	4 71
25	1 5	10 do	do	R. Kenny	Emanuel J. Salmon	3 37	47	3 84
37	1-5	10 do	do	Robt Whittly.....	do	3 38	47	3 85
10	8 12	10 do	do	Thos. Turnbull.....	Thomas Turnbull	4 13	58	4 62
11	8-12	10 do	do	do	do	2 25	31	2 56
5	13-17	10 do	do	Thos. Henderson ...	Thomas Henderson	5 25	73	5 98
6	13-17	10 do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
25	F	31 do	do	Styles & Banfield ...	George Elvin	9 75	1 37	11 12
25a	F	31 do	do and Imp	do do ...	do	7 50	1 05	8 55
19 of 101-4 &c.	N	31 do	do	Mrs. T. N. Butcher.	Thomas N. Butcher	1 50	21	1 71
27 do	N	31 do	do	do	do	1 50	21	1 71
188	W	31 do	do and Imp	T. W. Fletcher.....	Thomas W. Fletcher.....	4 88	68	5 56
183	X	31 do	do	Mrs. L. M. Boggs....	Louisa M. Boggs	7 50	1 05	8 55
184	X	31 do	do and Imp	do	do	25 50	3 57	29 07
8	Lime Bay	31 do	do	W. R. Jones.....	Wilfrid R. Jones	9 75	1 36	11 11
12	do	31 do	do and Imp.	do	do	9 75	1 36	11 11
15	1-6	32 do	do	M. Lefurgy	Beaumont Boggs	2 25	32	2 57
16	1-6	32 do	do	J. M. Morris.....	do	2 25	32	2 57
Pt. 3	11-12	32 do	do	Jno. Kinsman.....	Elbridge J. Christie.....	1 70	23	1 93
Pt. 4	11-12	32 do	do	do	do	1 33	19	1 52
8	18 19 &c	32 do	do and Imp	McKay & Cannell ...	Kenneth Cannell and Alexander McKay	7 63	1 07	8 70

City Treasurer and Collector's Office,
City Hall, Victoria, B.C.
November 24th, 1897.

CHAS. KENT,
Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B.C.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Pursuant to powers of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage dated the 17th day of July, 1895, and registered in the Land Registry office at Victoria, B. C. as No 626d in charge book volume 13, folio 801. Tenders will be received by the undersigned on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, for the purchase of the farm known as Section 13 Sooke District, and containing 110 acres, more or less. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated the 3rd day of December 1897.
THOMAS R. SMITH,
Agent for Mortgagee.
Temple Building, Fort street, Victoria. de4

NOTICE.

Government Street, between Courtney and Johnson Streets, is closed to traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session, by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, the purchasers of the rights, powers privileges and franchises of the Consolidated Railway Company, for an Act extending for two years the time for the completion of the works authorized by section 42 of the Consolidated Railway Company's Act, 1896.

Dated th 8th day of November, 1897.
MCPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
no6 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we have purchased from H. Siebenbaum, Esq., the entire plant of the Milwaukee Brewing Co, successors to John Leahy, which also includes the beer pumps of the late Excelsior Brewing Co.

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L. P. FISHER, Newspaper Advertising Agent in our authorised agent. This paper is kept on file in his office. 1-8

RESERVE—CASSIAR DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned tracts of land are reserved for Government purposes until further notice, viz:—

1. A belt of land, five miles in width, extending back from the shore line of the whole of that portion of Bennett Lake, which lies within the Province.

2. A belt of land, five miles in width, extending back from the shore line of the whole of that portion of Teslin Lake which lies within the Province.

3. A belt of land commencing at a point five miles below Glenora, on the Stickeen river; thence up the said river to a point five miles above Telegraph Creek, and having a width of five miles on each side of the said river

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 11th December, 1897. d13

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

ADMIRAL'S HOUSE TAX.

The undersigned is now ready to refund the above tax.

Tax receipts MUST be produced.

CHAS. KENT,
Treasurer.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Tyrannid Harbour, on the Lynn Canal in a northerly or northwesterly direction, and by the most direct and feasible route to a point on the boundary line between this province and the Northwest Territory of Canada, and with power to construct equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharfs, docks, and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria, the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1897.

R. T. ELLIOTT,
de4 Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Portland Inlet or Portland Canal, Cassiar District, British Columbia by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near Teslin Lake; and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railways steamboats or other companies: and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria the 4th day of August, A.D. 1897.

HUNTER & OLIVER,
au5 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard or any other gauge from a point at or near the head of Lynn canal northward along Dalton's trail or as near thereto as practicable to a point at or near Fort Selkirk in the North West Territories, with power to connect with any railway in American Territory, and to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, ways, bridges and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, own and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the proposed railway and works, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges and other aids from any government, municipal corporations, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railway, ferries, wharves and vessels, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf

ROBERT CASSIDY,
32 Langley St., Victoria, B C.,
Solicitor for the applicants.
November 16th, 1897. n26

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of developing and tusning to commercial use the iron ore deposits situate upon and near the coast line of the province of British Columbia, and to that end, to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads, railroads, docks wharves, houses, buildings, wharves, docks, steam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant and works, plate-rolling plant, tin-plating plant, and such other plant and appliances for the manufacture of pig iron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates and generally to do all things necessary and conducive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and manufactories, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive and perform all usual and necessary rights, powers privileges and aids for giving full effect to the intentions of the applicant herein before set forth.

Dated at Victoria, the 8th day of December, 1897.

JOHN COBELDICK,
d10 Applicant.

THE CALEDONIA GENERAL MINING ASSOCIATION, LIMITED LIABILITY.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a special meeting of the shareholders of the Caledonia General Mining Association, Limited Liability, will be held at the office of the Company, 28 Broad street, at Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday the 21st day of December 1897, at the hour of 8 p.m. for the purpose of passing a resolution to enable the Company to dispose of the whole of its leasehold properties and water rights.

R. T WILLIAMS,
Secretary of the Caledonia General Mining Association, Limited Liability.
Victoria, B.C., November 17th, 1897. n19

NOTICE.

The pumps of the late Excelsior Brewing Co. are now the property of the Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co., Ltd. Those pumps were by power contained in the chattel mortgage given to me, my property, and not H. Kurth, the would-be owner and salesman.

de 12 H. SIEBENBAUM.

P. LINES, General Scavenger 236 Yates street.—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munro's, 89 Government street; Speed Bros., corner Douglas and Fort; or Blair & Gordon, corner Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to. de

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W. H. ELLIS, - - MANAGER.

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A PROPER COURSE.

The Hon. Messrs. Turner and Pooley have laid information against several parties for libel in connection with the allegations printed in some of the provincial newspapers as to their connection with a company organized in London to do business on the Yukon. This seems to be the proper course for them to take in the premises. Attacks have been made upon them which cannot very well be adequately met in any other way than to compel their assailants to justify their course in the courts or take the consequences. Under these circumstances it would be manifestly improper for the COLONIST to do anything more than chronicle the fact that proceedings have been begun, and to express the hope that hereafter the opponents of the government will be able to conduct their political campaign in such a manner that measures of this nature may not be necessary.

ABOUT MIRACLES.

Readers of the New Testament are in many cases considerably troubled over the stories of the miracles. They find it difficult to accept them as true and they feel as if to reject them is to destroy the whole value of the gospel narrative, for so large a part of the record of Christ's life deals with miraculous occurrences that, if these are to be cast aside, the credibility of what remains is seriously impaired, if not altogether destroyed. Clearly there would be no longer any use to claim that the New Testament is an inspired volume, if the things relied upon to demonstrate the divinity of Jesus are to be dismissed from consideration. Nor are we helped any by the pious contention that Christianity is a greater miracle than any recorded in the Gospels, for this is simply a begging of the question. It is desirable, therefore, to inquire as to whether there is anything intrinsically improbable in what are ordinarily called miracles. This is as far as it is necessary to go; for if they are probable, the establishment of the occurrence of any one of them as an actual fact is simply a matter of evidence. But we may be asked if it is not a matter of evidence in any case. We answer that is it, but that very much less evidence is required to prove what we are convinced in advance might happen than would be needed to establish something which we are not prepared to admit might happen.

What then is a miracle? A miracle is not something done in defiance of the laws of nature, although this is the common understanding of the word. It is rather something that is done in accordance with some paramount and unfamiliar law of nature. To illustrate, and solely to illustrate the idea of a paramount law and not to demonstrate how it may act, let us take the case of an inferior court. It has certain powers, but beyond these it cannot go. The superior court can, however, take cognizance of the matters in litigation in the inferior court and deal with them in a manner materially different to what the lower court can. Yet we would not say that the act of the superior court was contrary to the law of the lower court, but rather that the inferior jurisdiction exercised its powers subject to the right of the higher tribunal to take any case out of its hands.

If we concede the existence of a force in the Universe paramount to the ordinary laws of matter, we will find no difficulty in regarding what are called miracles as within the range of probability. The next question to be inquired into is whether there is any evidence of the existence of such a paramount force. We shall not attempt any argument on this point, for into articles of the length admissable in a newspaper column, no satisfactory argument on such a subject could be compressed. We note, however, that only the very small minority of mankind has ever questioned the existence of such a force. Tens of thousands of people order their lives without regard to its existence; but the actual number of those who wholly deny it is very small. There is no mental difficulty in the way of conceiving its existence. Indeed a mental effort is required to thrust the "hypothesis of God" out of the Universe. Of course, when one speaks in this way of a parmount force or a deity, he does not mean a mere theological conception. He does not mean something which the ingenuity of ecclesiastics has invented and in accordance with which they have endeavored to square everything that has been, is or will be. What is meant is the conclusion to which profound research into the secrets of nature drives the investigator. We must dismiss in an investigation of this kind everything based upon mere faith, but it is allowable to infer logical deductions from established spiritual data. We think we may say with certainty that no true scientific man has ever expressed his disbelief in the existence of this paramount force. Herbert Spencer went as far as any one, and he got no further than to say "I think I perceive" no necessity for supposing any power to exist external to matter. While it is as true now as it was in the days of Job that man cannot by searching through the physical universe find out God, it is also true that he cannot reach a point in his researches where he can say there is no need for the hypothesis of a paramount power. This negative evidence, taken in connection with the common consent of humanity as to the existence of a deity, warrants any one in accepting it as proved that such a power exists, and if it exists, then miracles are not improbable and their occurrence becomes a mere matter of evidence.

It may be added that nothing of importance, so far as religious truth is concerned, turns upon the probability of miracles. There are simpler tests than miracles by which the divinity of Christ's teachings can be tested, and everyone can apply these for himself. These tests are personal. We find in the Gospels, in the writings of the Apostles, and in some of the books of the Old Testament, certain doctrines laid down, and we are told that certain results will follow from the observance of those doctrines. We are also told by a multitude of witnesses that such results have followed from the observance of such doctrines. We are told further that any person can test the efficacy of these doctrines himself, by a simple mental act. Until one has attempted this test in a *bona fide* manner and failed, he has no right to ask for a miracle to convince him that the teaching of Christ is divine in its origin.

It would follow what has been said above that if miracles were probable they may be performed now. We see no difficulty in assenting to this, nor do we see any reason for attempting to demonstrate that the paramount force above referred to may not be called into operation at any time by any person. Indeed, if we admit that it can be, many things, otherwise inexplicable, become comparatively clear, and we find an explanation of the remarkable things accomplished apparently by no other agency, so far as human action is concerned, than faith. If it is true, as one of the most eminent scientific men of the day said not long ago, that we are after thousands of years of experiment, only on the threshold of knowledge of the properties of metals, it surely is not unreasonable to suggest that we have only come to the threshold of the domain of investigation into that which is superhuman, and there is no more difficulty in believing that some pure and powerful minds have penetrated beyond the mist, which envelop most of us, and caught a glimpse of the ineffable glory of the higher nature of things, than there is in believing that a snow-capped mountain may lift its head so far above the clouds, that never, by day or night, is there anything between it and heaven.

A SOLAR SENSATION.

If on a clear day you look at the sun through a piece of smoked glass, you will see a black point. This is, in fact, a collection of small spots, using the word small in a relative sense. The area is 140,000 by 70,000 miles. The earth might be dropped into the space as readily as an ordinary marble can be dropped into the mouth of a six-inch flower pot. Photography shows the whole area to be a scene of tremendous activity. The photographs show huge waves, fountains and whirlpools, moving at terrific velocity. If they are jets of flame and of sufficient density, they would toss the earth around as a cork is tossed by a jet of water. Their exact nature is not known, but they have some effect upon magnetic conditions on the earth. There are periods of maximum and minimum solar activity, which occur in a general way at intervals of eleven years. The present is one of what are usually reckoned as minimum periods, and the occurrence of such a great demonstration is a surprise to astronomers. This is about as far as anyone can speak with certainty on the subject.

But nowadays sensationalism has found its way into many observatories, and the world is being treated to a lot of speculation which is interesting, in the same manner as Jules Verne's and Rider Haggard's romances are. It is worth while, therefore, to refer to the stories for this reason, as well as for the additional one that many persons will read what is being printed in other papers and be disposed to think that something very remarkable has been discovered.

One astronomer has ventured the opinion that a new planet is being born, and that, in the course of what may not be a very long time, it will be sent whirling off into space to take its position as an attendant upon the sun. Another astronomer is cited as authority for the statement that the planet has already detached itself, and is revolving on its axis a comparatively short distance away from the sun's surface, gradually taking the form of a sphere. From this basis it is easily to build up a very startling theory, and we are told that the loss by the sun of so much matter is likely to have disastrous effects upon the earth. Again we are told that the new planet will be discharged at the earth, with which it is expected to come in contact, and of course end all mundane things in very short order. Professor Brooks, of the Smith Observatory, New York, is given as authority for the statement that in a day or two astronomers will have settled just what direction the new orb will take, how fast it will travel and hence just when it will hit us.

In view of the frequency with which people have been alarmed over cometary visitations, it is hopeless to suppose that this new sensation will not evoke fearsome anticipations. We wish therefore to add that it is all a matter of guess work. It is highly improbable that the astronomers, whose names have been used so freely, have expressed the views attributed to them, except in the most general way. Naturally a scientific man, when he witnesses any phenomenon, speculates upon its cause and its probable effect. It has been said that imagination plays no part in science. This is not true. It may play no part in the proof of natural laws; but even in mathematics imagination has its work to do. Ordinarily men of science keep their imaginings to themselves until they have demonstrated their probability. Then they publish them as theories. Nowadays, however, the ubiquitous newspaper reporter has penetrated into the laboratory of the chemist and the observatory of the astronomer, and has subjected the occupants of both of them to cross examination. He gets a name and a suggestion, and upon that he can construct a sensation of any size that strikes his fancy. Therefore, while there are doubtless very interesting things taking place upon the sun, there is not the slightest ground for supposing it to have been proved that a planet is to be launched at us or launched in any direction, even though in the interview with Professor Brooks he is alleged to have said that astronomers have been looking for such an event for two thousand years. No one need fear to go to sleep at night lest before morning a planet may come smashing through the roof and catch him asleep.

THE Northern Pacific railway has issued a Klondyke folder, which is certainly very well got up and contains a good deal of useful matter. Its circulation is confined to the East, so that if it had not been for the thoughtfulness of a friend in St. Paul, we would not have had the opportunity of perusing it. While most of the information is very useful, some of it is misleading in the connection in which it is used. Thus, the map is entitled "The Klondyke Gold Fields Map of Alaska," and in the corner is printed the law of the United States relating to placer mining. We do not say this is intended to create the impression that the Klondyke is in Alaska, but we note that the map-maker has carefully omitted to place the word Canada anywhere on the sheet. Even when it came to printing the Canadian mining regulations, care is taken to avoid mentioning that they relate to Canada. But it is in dealing with the outfitting trade, that the writer of the matter on the folder cuts himself loose in great shape. The principal statement to which we take exception is that to the effect that 70 per cent. of everything used in outfitting must be purchased by Canadian traders in the United States. A fair estimate based upon the outfit list printed on the folder might warrant the claim that seven per cent. of the goods may be purchased in the United States. We confess to a great deal of surprise that a company like the Northern Pacific would permit its advertising department to be made the vehicle for circulating such a gross misstatement regarding the business of British Columbia.

THE Post-Intelligencer says that if the Customs House is removed from Tagish Lake, grave complications may ensue and perhaps war, and that the COLONIST will be responsible for the whole business. We should feel very badly to do anything which would saddle the people of the United States with another $140,000,000 pension list; but we can assure our hysterical contemporary that we shall continue to urge that, if our neighbors are ill-natured enough to shut their door in our faces, we shall shut ours in their faces. But fancy anyone supposing it to be a *casus belli* for a country to remove a custom house from one point to another in its territory. Great Britain would have just as good cause to declare war because the United States government removed its customs officer from Dyea.

WE are in accord with the idea that goods from the United States ought to be allowed to go in bond through the Canadian Yukon when *en route* to Alaskan points, but only under such restrictions as will prevent bulk from being broken on the way. If this is not done, the permission may simply be a cloak for unlimited smuggling.

WE print a letter from Mr. A. B. Winchester and cordially recommend what he says to the attention of COLONIST readers. It is, indeed, of the utmost importance that boys should get a right start in life, and nothing will contribute more to this than to let them feel that their affairs are of public interest. The idea of a Christmas treat for the lads, whose lives are spent largely on the streets, will meet with general endorsement. We have not many lads of the street Arab genus, and we will have still fewer if we impress them with the fact that they are not friendless.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

A SENSE OF FAVORS TO COME.

Victoria, notwithstanding that it elected a couple of Tories at the last general election, is having big innings just now. The gate receipts are enormous.—Vancouver World.

ON ITS FEET AGAIN.

We trust that the natural pleasure which we feel in once more presenting the News to the public, is, at least in a measure, shared by our subscribers. We start afresh with a brand new plant, and are now established in commodious and comfortable quarters, where we will always be glad to receive visitors, who will be most cordially made welcome.—Vernon News.

ADVICE TO AN M. P.

If Mr. Bostock really wishes to help the North river route, and consequently Kamloops, he can do so more effectually by urging upon the Dominion government the necessity of improving the navigation of the North Thompson and upper Fraser rivers. Then we shall enjoy the benefit of cheap transportation. He can also call off his coyote press, who are howling against any expenditure or help from the provincial government for the proposed road.—Kamloops Standard.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Footpad—Hands up! Citizen—No use, my friend; I'm just back from the seaside. Footpad—Poor chap! Here's a quarter.

Van Bram—Gaswell has discharged ten of his workmen for getting drunk. Shingle—I suppose he doesn't like to have his hands full.

Rev. Longface—Remember, my young friend, there are some things in life better than money. Young Fastpace—Yes, I know that; but it takes money to buy 'em.

Invoking the Law.—"Kitty has sued Jack for breach of promise." "Breach of promise? Why, they are married." "I know, but he promised to buy her a wheel and he hasn't done it."

"After all, old age isn't the worst thing on record." "Why isn't it?" "After a man passes a certain period in life his children get discouraged and quit picking him up on grammar."

"What immense ears the new neighbor's boy has." "Yes, mamma; he told me what made 'em so big." "What was it?" "He said his mamma washed 'em so much that they soaked full o' water an' swelled."

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MR. FRANK KEOWN and Miss M. Gilligan, both of this city, have formed a life partnership under the firm name of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keown. Rev. J. C. Speer was the officiating clergyman.

THE remains of the late Ald. Harrison were taken last evening to the Masonic hall, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to-day. The funeral will take place from the hall this afternoon at 2:15 p.m., and St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 2:45 p.m.

HAVE you a friend with a taste for good Wines or Liquors, what is better than a bottle of our fine old Madeira Wine or superlatively high grade Scotch, as a pleasant reminder of your friendship and good wishes? In Clarets we only have the best. Be sure to send your orders in early to Erskine, Wall & Co. x

THE "Babes in the Wood," a most amusing burlesque extravaganza, derived partly from the ballad and partly from the drama and very considerably from original sources, by H. J. Byron—will be given in the A. O. U. W. hall, on Thursday, January 6, under the auspices of the Willing Workers of Christ Church cathedral. As this piece has been in rehearsal for some months by talented amateurs it will undoubtedly be a great success.

THERE were divorce proceedings yesterday before Mr. Justice Walkem, when William Hargraves, of Kamloops, obtained a rule nisi for divorce from his wife, Mary Ann Hargraves. Mrs. Hargraves' maiden name was Sanders, and she was married to the petitioner in Liverpool, England, on April 12, 1874. For some time they have lived at Kamloops, the ground on which the petition for divorce is based being misconduct on the part of the wife with Wm. Follett, of Kamloops, who is named as co-respondent. Mr. Oliver, of Hunter, Duff & Oliver, made the application.

NO FURTHER news has yet been received with regard to the attempted murder of Mr. Francis Jones at Hall's Crossing on Thursday evening last. Provincial Constable Murray and detective Palmer, of the city force, have gone up to the scene to investigate the case and it is possible that Palmer will be able to identify the men now under arrest as they are known to have been in Victoria shortly before the crime was committed. The whole thing is a mystery, but any theory of attempted suicide may be set at rest as the examination proves that the wounds on Mr. Jones could not have been self inflicted.

THE closing exercises at Highland district school were held on Friday last, with a large attendance of parents and others interested in the school and the progress of the pupils. An interesting programme was given by the little folk in a manner calling forth many expressions of commendation, and afterwards light refreshments suitable to the season were served by the ladies of the district. In connection with the closing exercises the children had a well filled Christmas tree, with a generous distribution of gifts by the typical understudy of Sir Santa Claus; and addresses were given by Trustees Simpson and Mrs. Dixon, each of whom complimented the teachers upon the good work accomplished during the term and expressed regret at the absence—enforced by illness—of Trustee Scafe. Before taking leave of school for the holidays, the pupils presented their teacher, Miss E. A. Clarke, with a beautiful album, as a Christmas souvenir.

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THE little orphans of St. Ann's Convent, Cowichan, thirty-five or forty in number, have not been forgotten during the bustle of happy Christmastide, for the members of the Young Ladies' Institute, No. 33, have been busy preparing for the past six weeks a box of dolls and other good things for a Christmas tree, which they shipped to their destination during the week.

A NEW mining company to issue a prospectus is the Kamloops Copper Mining Company, Ltd., which has just been registered with a capital of $60,000. Mr. G. A. Kirk, of Victoria, is president and Mr. A. T. Monteith, secretary-treasurer. The company has its head office in Victoria, and its objects are to acquire the Golden Star mineral claim at Kamloops and to do a general mining business.

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IN CONNECTION with the formal resolutions regarding the coming municipal elections, Mayor Redfern has given notice that he will recommend at the next meeting of the council that the polling places be: For mayor and school trustees, at the police court room; for aldermen—North Ward, room 11 Public Market; Central Ward, 68 Douglas street (Vernon Block); and South Ward, 27 Government street. The mayor recommends, too, that Mr. Northcott be appointed returning officer, and that the deputies be: Frank G. Richards, for mayor; S. W. Edwards, for North Ward; Thos. J. Dearberg, for Centre Ward; and David Spragge, for South Ward.

THE honorary treasurer of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans Home thankfully acknowledges the receipt, per Mr. Charles Kent, of the third instalment of Admiral's House tax refund, as under: L. H. Solly, 75c.; H. W. Shephard, $1; Mrs. H. W. Shephard, $1: Master C. Shephard, $1; Miss R. Shephard, $1; J. H. Siddell, 96c.; C. H. Hiscock, 88c.; F. Evans, Vancouver, $2.75; also from the following pupils of Victoria West Public school, per Principal Tait, Freda Hasenfratz, 10c.; Clara Sterne, 10c.; Percy and Ethel Wilson, $1; Fred Jenkins, 25c.; Lizzie Rowe, 25c.; Lilly Russell, $1; George Roller, $1; Hilda Richards, 25c.; Ivy Strait, 10c.; Lovy Harrison, 10c.; the balance of flower fund, $3 40; and John Lind, 25c.

BELIEVED THE CAPTAIN.

Magistrate Macrae Decides That John Cutler Was Not Shanghaied But a Stowaway.

The story of John Cutler, the man who claimed he was shanghaied from Callao, was retold in the provincial police court yesterday, when Captain Harrison, of the Senator, was charged under the British Merchant Shipping Act with not having signed Cutler before the British consul at Callao, as required by law.

Cutler's narrative of his troubles from the witness box was similar to the story already told in the COLONIST. He claimed that he was shanghaied, and that when he applied to the captain to be set ashore, the vessel was not more than four miles from land, and he could have been sent to land on the tug along with a friend of the captain's, and a ship's agent, who were standing by when he spoke to the skipper.

A couple of sailors corroborated Cutler's story, but Captain Harrison and First Officer Walsh contradicted it flatly. The captain said that Cutler had applied to him to ship at Callao, but had been refused and was ordered ashore before the vessel left. Next morning, however, Cutler had showed up when the vessel was 125 miles from shore, and when it was impossible to land him. Cutler had said he was destitute and the captain had given him clothes from the slop chest and allowed him to work his passage to Victoria.

The Magistrate dismissed the charge, holding that Cutler had been a stowaway.

A second suit against Captain Harrison for $25, wages alleged to be due to Cutler was postponed till Monday. Mr. Frank Higgins for Cutler; Mr. Robert Cassidy for Captain Harrison.

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OPENING CEREMONIES.

The Legislative House-Warming in the New Buildings Will Be Very Imposing.

Patriotic Music and Addresses Will Form Part of the Speaker's Programme.

Though the details have not yet been arranged it is understood that Mr. Speaker Higgins is having quite an elaborate programme prepared for the opening ceremonies in the magnificent new parliament buildings when the legislature meets for despatch of business—which will probably be about the first week in February. The ceremonies which will mark the occasion will differ greatly from the usual brief exercises of the opening by the Lieutenant-Governor, in fact one has to go back to the times of Charles I, to find a precedent for a representative of the Queen being present when the house is in session, outside of course the assenting to bills or the opening and prorogation announcements. Still it is understood that there is no constitutional difficulty to prevent His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, after the speech from the throne, being invited to take a seat on the floor of the house and enjoying the after ceremonies.

The Arion Club will sing "God Save the Queen," and other patriotic airs; there will be music by the Fifth Regiment band; and opportunity will be taken of the moving of the formal resolutions for addresses by the Premier and other members of the house.

That is the programme roughly blocked out, but it is still tentative and liable to changes. During the evening the buildings will be brilliantly illuminated and the members will receive their friends and show them over the beautiful structure.

Outside of the official programme there is some talk of a ball in the drill shed, if that building can be secured, on the evening after the opening of the legislature.

In the meantime the workmen are busily engaged putting final touches on the buildings. A very fine effect is being produced on the inside of the great dome by touching the plaster work here and there with silver. The clearing away of the rubbish on the grounds and the fixing of roads and terraces is proceeding rapidly

IT IS A GRUESOME TALE

Correspondents of the "Colonist" Declare that Two Miners Have Met an Awful Death.

Said to Have Been Killed and Devoured by Wild Animals Driven to the Coast by Snowstorms.

Friday evening's mail by the Charmer brought the COLONIST a letter which from the post mark on the envelope was evidently mailed from Thurlow Island on the 15th instant, and which itself bears date of "Knight's Inlet, December 1." The news which it contains is startling in the extreme, and may or may not be confirmed by later advices. Briefly, the writers assert that during the extremely cold weather and heavy snow of late November, a band of hungry cougars were forced down to the coast where two prospectors were engaged on a mining claim, and wild with hunger, attacked these men—killed and devoured them. The COLONIST is not in a position to vouch for the reliability of the gruesome tale, but gives it herewith in the language of the letter referred to:

KNIGHT'S INLET, Dec. 1, 1897.

To the Editor of the Victoria COLONIST:

DEAR SIR:—As I am a stranger here in British Columbia and your paper is the only one I have seen as yet, I will tell you of an awful thing that happened here on the 25th November. There were two young men prospecting up the Inlet—they were drilling on a ledge on the shore—and there came a heavy snow storm and it drove all the wild animals down to the beach

The cougars and the wolves are as plentiful as squirrels, but these two went to work the morning after the storm, and it seems that they scarcely landed at their work when they were attacked by a band of cougars and both devoured and eaten up.

Me and my partner came along about twelve o'clock and found nothing but a few bones and six big cougars on the spot. We picked up all the remains, and that was not much, for they had eat all of them except four pieces of bones. That is all we could find there.

Their names were J. Craig and D. A. Peters. They belong near Toronto. They were about thirty years old or thereabouts. The cougars and wolves are destroying everything—all the hogs and young stock.

There is a French trapper up here who shot twelve cougars in four days. He says that he has been trapping fifteen years and has not seen the like before. Every little island is alive with deer. They swim on to get clear of the cougars and the wolves. Snow is five feet on the level. I would like if you would send me a copy of the paper. Send it to Beckley Bay P.G. Yours truly,

R. C. BARTON,
N. G. GREEN,
Prospectors.

Neither Barton nor Green appears to be known here, although the awful story that they relate is given a measure of corroboration in another letter received yesterday by a resident of West Victoria. The writer of this is a storekeeper at Howe Sound, and he merely mentions incidentally that the heavy snow has driven the wild animals down to the coast in large numbers, and it has been reported that two men have lost their lives to wolves or panthers at Knight's Inlet.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

CARPENTER tools at Cheapside. x

Christmas Offerings Santa Claus' Headquarters.

Santa Claus has just arrived from the Golden North by way of the Klondyke with a ship load of Golden Nuggets and useful Holiday Gifts for the young and the old. He can be seen in our east window, dressed in his Klondyke suit, and seated in his ship under a full load of bargains.

Below are a Few of the Nuggets!

NECKWEAR.

The premium stock of the city. Twice as many dainty ties in hundreds of different fabrics, to offer you as any other store in the city, and all so moderately priced. Among the many styles are some very swell creations, put up one tie in a dainty colored enamelled cardboard box, with the words "Holiday Greetings" in gold letters on the cover. 50c. 60c., and 75 cents for the tie and box.

CUFF BUTTONS.

As dainty a gift as a man could wish and the wonder is that such cuff elegance can be so moderately priced. Does this tell of them? Handsome gold-plated cuff buttons and links, over 75 different and distinct styles for your choosing, all thoroughly reliable and warranted not to tarnish, 25c. to $1.25 a pair.

GLOVES.

Pretty near the top notch of glove elegance, this glove stock of ours. More kinds of different hand coverings here, than in most stores. Gloves of handsome colored kid, with striped wool lining, some with fur tops $1 25. Others of different styles but all kid for 60c., 75c., and $1.00.

BRACES.

Lots of men want bracing up on Xmas morning. Besides most men can appreciate a dainty pair of extra suspenders. Hundreds of different styles here, and all at moderate prices. 25c. to 75c. for some dainty creations.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

A fine lot of white silk fancy embroidered initialed handkerchiefs, just received by express. Owing to the lateness of their arrival they're priced for quick selling at 50 cents each.

SOCKS.

Wouldn't your husband or brother appreciate a half dozen pairs of nice black mocca cotton, embroidered, half hose. They're put up half dozen in a colored card board box. Expensive? Not a bit of it. $1.25 for the half dozen.

Lots of other practical and useful things here for Xmas presents. Hats, caps, suits for the boys, underwear, collars, cuffs, shirts, but we can't tell of them all in this space. So come down and see the collection You'll be made to feel at home even if you don't care to buy.

Cameron,
The Cash Clothier.
55 JOHNSON STREET.

A Flame of Sheffield Steel

See Our Windows for

Table Cutlery and Carvers, Scissor Cases, Razor Cases, Ladies' Companions, Etc. Shaving Outfits, complete. Plated Spoons, Forks, Etc. Ladies' and Gents' Pocket and Sporting Knives—over 200 patterns, at.....

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Holiday Gifts a Specialty. Money may be well expended if you do your . . . . .

XMAS SHOPPING AT

THE WESTSIDE.

J. Hutcheson & Co.

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Christmas Gifts Worth Having

WE GIVE YOU THE BEST for your money. We not only please you in buying, but please the recipient in the owning of such things as we are selling. This is not a line of ordinary goods which wear out or soil, but goods which are ever a pleasure because they are always beautiful and lasting.

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30 Cases New Christmas Goods

JUST ARRIVED AT

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Best Place to Get Japanese Fancy Curios, Silk Goods and Toys.

The Greatest Reduction on Everything.

90 DOUGLAS STREET. n29

Christmas Presents...

Appreciated by Father or Mother, a pair of

Gold Spectacles...

Prices very low for good goods. Glasses will be exchanged to suit, FREE OF CHARGE, after the Holidays.

Opera Glasses...

FIELD GLASSES, TELESCOPES, The LARGEST STOCK IN B.C., at the Lowest Prices.

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Why Spoil Your Christmas Cake . . .

OR PUDDING, WITH CHEAP FRUIT, thereby causing yourself considerable annoyance, when you can purchase the best at reasonable prices. REMEMBER OUR GOODS ARE ALL MONEY BACK IF NOT AS REPRESENTED.

WATSON & HALL

Christmas Turkeys

Seriously now, were you satisfied with the turkey you bought last Xmas? You know how easy it is to spoil a good Xmas dinner by having a poor turkey. A good deal of anxiety will be avoided by ordering this year's turkey of us. Also geese just as good and reliable as the turkeys.

D. R. POTTINGER,
"The Ideal," 96 Yates Street.

WE'VE GOT 'EM AGAIN . .

Xmas Presents in the Musical Line
" " " " Bicycle Line
" " " " Golf Line
" " " " Tennis Line
" " " " Music, Book and Folio Line.

A Sheet of Music Free, if You Spend 50 Cents and One Given for Every $1.00 Spent With Us.

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THE MIGHTY FALLEN.

Nanaimo's Hitherto Invincible 'Hornets' at Last Robbed of Their Sting.

Victoria's Red and White Waves Triumphant Over the Black and Yellow.

Although the Nanaimo Hornets are champions of the British Columbia Rugby Football League for this season yet the Victorias have the satisfaction of knowing that they, yesterday, won the greatest victory of the year by defeating the lively wearers of the black and yellow by the splendid score of 18 points to 0. It was a grand match, Victoria playing a faultless game and showing such perfect combination in passing that a number of times the ball was advanced with a rush from wing to wing. Victoria was strengthened by the presence again of Goward, the captain and half-back. He had the team well in hand and to their discipline and unselfish play the Victoria team owe their glorious victory, one of the most brilliant ever scored on a Victoria field. The Hornets played a magnificent game, too, but they were weakened by the absence of Marshall, their great three-quarters, and their passing was not so good as Victoria's.

The day was such as could not fail to satisfy all admirers of the game, neither rain nor wind to interfere with fast and good play, and the spectators were favored with perhaps the best exhibition of Rugby seen in this city for years.

Play was commenced by Bamford of Nanaimo, who kicked off for his side, and Scholefield failing to return, the play was at once carried to Victoria's 25. Here it was for some time held by the Hornets, but Victoria being awarded a free kick, for offside on the part of a Nanaimo forward, enabled them to reach centre field, where A. Goward secured the ball and quickly passed to Cullin, who dashed up the field well backed up by Scholefield and the pack of Victoria forwards. Cullin passed to Scholefield, who in turn transferred to Macrae, who scored the first try for the home team, which was very cleverly converted into a goal by H. A. Goward.

Play being resumed by Nanaimo kicking off, was again carried to Victoria's end of the field, but Goward by good play and following up carried it back to Nanaimo's territory. Here the visitors were awarded a free kick which for the time being gave them relief. Victoria's captain again secured the ball, however, and made another good run before being well stopped by Bamford, and Quine with a splendid drop found the touch line near Victoria's 25.

A series of scrimmages took place here from which eventually Haines got the ball and passed to Gamble who made a good run and then transferred to Scholefield; the latter held the ball too long and a good opportunity of scoring was lost. Several scrimmages now followed near Nanaimo's 25 and here Scholefield earned four more points for his side by a splendid drop goal.

Nanaimo was now given another free kick for off side, this time Cullin being the offender, and the ball was once more in consequence taken into Victoria's territory, but Cullin, Wilson and Gamble by good passing carried it back to Nanaimo's end of the field, and at half time the ball was in centre.

The Hornets, during the second half, were weakened through the loss of their clever full-back, and were compelled to play one man short. The ball was well returned by Quine from the kick off, but Victoria's forwards by a splendid rush relieved and carried the play again to Nanaimo's end where Haines passed to Goward, who made a good run but was collared within a few feet of Nanaimo's goal line, Nanaimo being compelled to touch down.

The ball was kicked off by Bamford from Nanaimo's 25 line, and their forwards by good work forced the play along the touch line up the field, Scholefield, however, found an opening and ran to within a few feet of Nanaimo's line, where he was held. Nanaimo was awarded another free kick which gave them relief at a critical moment. Wilson shortly after this by a good run added another try to Victoria's score by a good pass from Gamble, but the kick was not improved.

Nanaimo now pressed hard but could not pass the Victoria backs, who to a man, were playing steadily and collaring safely. Another free kick was given to Nanaimo for offside but little was gained by the penalty. Victoria forwards by a rush again took the play to their opponents' end where Haines passed to A. Goward, who added still another try to the score of his team; the kick was this time taken by Gamble, but was not improved. Nanaimo again kicked off, and their forwards, by good dribbling, threatened to score; but Scholefield relieved by a good run, and passed to Cullin, who was, however, called back for a forward pass.

Nanaimo now had still another free kick for offside but gained nothing, the ball going to Gamble, who by a well directed punt drove the ball to Nanaimo's and where it was secured by Loveland and another try made for the home team. The kick was this time taken by Haines but no goal earned.

From now until call of no side Nanaimo had decidedly the worst of it and the Victorians were several times only closely prevented from again scoring, the ball at call of time being only about five feet from their goal line.

The standing of the several teams in the league is now as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Drawn
Nanaimo	3	1	0
Victoria	1	1	1
Vancouver	0	2	1

Poodle Dog Menu.

Sunday, December 19 1897. 50 cents.

SOUP.

Ox Tail. Puree of Celery. Consomme Royal.

FISH.

Boiled Salmon, Egg Sauce. Baked Cod Fish.
Fried Silver Smelts, Tartar Sauce.

SALAD.

Crab Mayonnaise. Cheese Straws.
Beets.

BOILED.

Lamb's Tongue, Tomato Sauce.

ENTREES.

Olympian Fancy Roast. Pigeon Pie.
Teal Duck, Braised
Small Steak Grilled, with fresh Mushrooms.
Apple Fritters.

ROASTS.

Young Turkey and Dressing, Cranberry Sauce.
Prime Ribs of Beef.
Loin of Pork, Apple sauce.

VEGETABLES.

Sweet Corn. Fried Cabbage. Baked Onions.
Mashed and Boiled Potatoes.

DESSERT.

Baked Apple Dumplings, Hard Sauce.
Orange Jelly. Vanilla Ice Cream.
Apple, Mince, Cocoanut Pies.
Compote Cranberries
Apples, Oranges, Nuts and Raisins. Mixed Cakes, Cheese. Glass of Beer or Claret. Cafe Noir.

The Poodle Dog will serve Christmas dinner Friday and Saturday from 5 to 9; price 50 cents. Private dining room expressly for ladies and families. x

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In the rush of Christmas business don't forget that

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And that if you want anything in Blank Books, Shannon Files, Ink, Pens, Envelopes or other Staple Articles for the New Year, this is the place and NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY
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NOTE—Supplies for the Klondyke Mines bought outside of Canada are subject to Customs Duties averaging over 30 per cent.

THE CITY.

COLLECTOR of Customs Milne was called on yesterday by a lawyer employed by McDonald, the man from Carmanah who claims salvage on the wreck Vesta. No formal claim however was made. The owner of the Vesta is expected in the city to-morrow and probably the wreck will be sold as it stands.

SOME time during Friday evening a burglar visited the premises of R. Baker & Son on Yates street, an entrance being obtained through the transom. Although the office was also entered nothing was taken. From Baker's store, the burglar entered Messrs. Gillmore & McCandless', where a small amount of money was secured. Nothing else was missed from the two stores.

Two Indians from Nitinat struck town yesterday afternoon and at once proceeded to prime themselves with the fiery liquor of their pale face brethren. One of them, by the name of Conridge, probably under the delusion that a little water in his liquor would improve the mirage, walked off the dock, and as a result a very much soaked Siwash was by the merest good chance pulled out by a bystander. Conridge and his companion Daniel, the latter, by the way, wisely preferring to take his whiskey straight, were locked up as drunk.

THE members of Fernwood lodge, C. O.O.F., on Wednesday received nine propositions for membership. The following were elected and installed into office for the ensuing year: Lecture Master, J. R. Westcott; P.N.G., W. Cormack; N.G., P. T. James; V.G., E. E. Westcott; Rec. Sec., G. E. Wilkerson; Fin. Sec., T. W. Carter; Treas., W. F. Fullerton; Surgeon, Dr. Carter; Warden, T. Passell; Conductor, W. O. Carter; R.S.N.G., B. Cooper; L.S.N.G., W. H. Nathan; R.S.V.G., J. Grice, L.S.V.G., E. Andrews; Outer Guard, J. S. Walsh; Inner Guard, R. Dewar; R.S.S., R. Hawk; L.S.S., J. Bates; Trustees, R. Carter, J. J. Walsh, and W. Cormack; Auditors, G. E. Wilkerson, and W. H. Coates; Finance Committee, P. T. James, E. Westcott, and J. R. Westcott.

LAST evening's gathering at the Drill hall, thanks largely to Capt. Beach's performances, was the banner crowd attending at any of the Fifth Regiment entertainments this season. The captain, in keeping with his programme, gave a very clever aquatic exhibition, eating, drinking, smoking and feigning sleep under water with an ease and grace that gave his audience pleasure and a very high opinion of his capabilities in his own peculiar line. His work was all done in a glass-fronted tank of water 6x2 feet, which was elevated so that all in the immense gathering had an equal opportunity of seeing, locally speaking, the novel feats. On Monday evening, a week from to-morrow, Capt. Beach repeats his exhibition, that being the night, according to announcement last evening, that the next regular weekly concert of the regiment will be given, owing to next Saturday being Christmas Day. The band's performance last evening was up to the usual high standard of excellence.

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Send a stamp for our beautiful book "How to get a Patent," "What profitable to invent, and "Prices on Patents." Advice free. Fees moderate. MARION & MARION, E. PEARTS, Temple Building, 185 St. James Street, Montreal. The only firm of Graduate Engineers in the Dominion transacting patent business exclusively. *Mention this paper.*

THE building and property on Yates street, adjoining the large building erected last spring by Mr. Simon Leiser has been purchased by him from Mr. George Byrnes, the price paid being $6,000.

A SPECIAL general meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade is to be held to-morrow afternoon, the business being in connection with the promotion of Victoria's interests re Klondyke trade.

THE military social dance will be held on Wednesday next, December 22, at the drill hall, instead of Thursday as previously announced. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. Grimes, Sergt.-Major Mulcahy at the drill hall, or Messrs. T. N. Hibben, Government st. A meeting of the general ball committee will be held on Monday evening at 9 o'clock, when the accounts for the ball will be examined. The several committees are expected to hand in their accounts.

A DARING attempt was made to pass a forged check on Messrs. W. and J. Wilson, clothiers of Government street yesterday afternoon. The supposed forger entered the store about four o'clock with a check for $20 purporting to be made by Mr. A. W. More, and handed this to the boy in the store in payment for a purchase amounting to $1.50. The payee was "Allan G. Tuttle." Fortunately the boy thought the check required endorsement and he referred it to Mr. Joseph Wilson. The latter at a glance saw that the check was not genuine, and sent it across the street to Mr. More. He then remembered that he had another and genuine check of Mr. More's in his possession and when he turned aside to hunt it up the operator, who was getting nervous about the delay, made good his escape, minus his purchases. The would be passer of the bogus paper was apparently about 25 years of age. He was dressed in a dark tweed suit, had a sallow complexion and dark hair. As yet he has not been apprehended.

You all know where you can get a real nice "Dinner Set" at a moderate figure; but we have some extra good ones just now at Weiler Bros. x

Elegant Lamps of every description at Weiler Bros.; you cannot do better than to purchase one for your wife. x

Hats—Fedoras, Stiffs, Crush and Soft. Newest styles. B. Williams & Co. x

TENDERS.

Tenders for Construction of Steamers.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the Hudson's Bay Company, at Victoria, will be received till noon on Monday, the 20th December, 1897, for the construction of two (2) stern wheel steamers.

Seperate tenders may be made for the hulls, boilers and machinery, or one tender for the whole work.

Plans, specifications and all information may be obtained from the Company's office at Victoria or Vancouver.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. de8

NOTICE. TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Monday, 20th inst, for raising the old Legislative Building three feet higher and for other works and repairs in connection therewith to adapt the same for use as a Bureau of Mines.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of F. M. Rattenbury, Esq., Architect, Five Sisters block.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 14th December, 1877. } d15

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Tins of all shapes and sizes and for all purposes will be supplied at lowest rates by the

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For particulars apply to the Agents,
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TO CANNERS:—A large supply of tin plates now on hand. Place your orders early. n28

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For DOORS and WINDOWS.
They save your fuel. They protect your health They prevent draughts. They keep out dust. Try them.
Sold and fitted by J. P. BURGESS,
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NOTICES.

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ASSESSMENT ACT.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City:—At 51 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 10th and Tuesday 11th days of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak, on Friday the 7th day of January, 1898, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 1898 at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday the 8th day of January, 1898, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 31st day of December, 1897, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar, known as the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 29th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 6th day of Dec. 1897.

S. PERRY MILLS
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

CASSIAR DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that that portion of the Stikine Polling Division of the Cassiar Electoral District comprised within the undermentioned boundaries, has been created a Mining Division, namely:—

BENNETT LAKE MINING DIVISION.

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of British Columbia intersects the height of land between Lake Tesslin and Lake Atlin; thence southwesterly following the height of land to the watershed between Pike Lake and Kateene River; thence southwesterly to a point on the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia, midway between Taku Inlet and Lynn Canal; thence following the said boundary north and west to its intersection with the northern boundary of British Columbia; thence east along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines.
Provincial Secretary's Office,
16th December, 1897. de16

NOTICE.

Owners of Placer claims are invited to send a few ounces of the black or grey sand obtained in washing the gravel for gold to "The Provincial Mineralogist, Bureau of Mines, Victoria," stating the name of the creek from which the sand is taken, and its locality.

It is believed that PLATINUM and perhaps IRIDIUM, are frequently passed over and lost by the prospector, as they have much the appearance of iron in the sand. These minerals are as valuable as gold, the latter more so, and if the placer claim owners will send the black or grey sand as aforesaid it will be assayed and the results given to the owner.

JAMES BAKER,
de14 Minister of Mines.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Winding Up Act, and In the Matter of the Winding Up Amendment Act, 1889, and in the Matter of the "O.K. Gold Mining Company (Foreign)."

The Honorable Mr. Justice Drake has by an order dated the 18th day of October, 1897, appointed Richard Plewman, of Rossland, B.C., to be Official Liquidator of the above named Company.

The creditors of the above named company are required on or before Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1898, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors if any to Richard Plewman of Rossland, B.C, the Official Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims, at the Chamber Court, in the Court House, Victoria, B.C., at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Wednesday the 12th day of January, 1898, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims, and for settling the list of contributories of the said company.

Dated December 8th, A.D. 1897.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
de9 Registrar.

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TIME TABLE No. 29,
To take effect at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4, 1897. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH—READ DOWN.

	Daily	Sat'day
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	A.M. 9:00	P.M. 3:00
Ar. Nanaimo	1:45	6 11
Ar. Wellington	12:40	6 50

GOING SOUTH—READ UP.

	Daily	Sat'day
Ar. Victoria	A.M. 12:07	P.M. 7:00
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:51	3:48
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:30	3 50

For rates and information apply at Company's offices.

A. DUNSMUIR, President. JOSEPH HUNTER, Gen'l Supt.
H. K. PRIOR, General Freight and Passenger Agent.
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ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY CO.

Commencing Monday, November 1, 1897, the STEAMER

City of Nanaimo,
W. D. Owen, Master.

will sail as follows, calling at way ports as freight and passengers may offer:

Leave Victoria, Monday, 7 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Comox, Tuesday 7 a.m.
" Comox for Nanaimo, Thursday, 8 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Victoria, Friday, 7 a.m.

For freight or staterooms apply on board, or at the Company's ticket office, Victoria Station, Store street. no15-tf

TO THE EAST. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO THE Kootenai.

Passengers have choice of morning or evening boat from Victoria.

OVERLAND..... {Leaves Seattle 4:00 p.m. Arrives " 10:30 a.m.
COAST LINE... {Leaves Seattle 8:15 a.m. Arrives " 6:15 p.m.

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C. P. Navigation Co. Ld.

TIME TABLE NO 31.
Takes effect November 18th, 1897.

VANCOUVER ROUTE.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 10 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock

For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this Company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. And for Skidgate on first of each month.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer Tees leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound ports the 15th and 30th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING, Manager.
G. A. CARLETON, General Agent.
Victoria.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY:

Leave.		Arrive.
7:00 a.m....	Spokane....	7:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m....	Rossland....	3:25 p.m.
9:00 a.m....	Nelson.....	5:20 p.m.

Close connections at Nelson with steamer for Kaslo and all Kootenay Lake Points.
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WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

Earnest Appeal for the Establishment of a Children's Aid Society.

A Plea for the Preservation of the Ornamental Trees of Government Grounds.

To THE EDITOR:—No one is interested in denying or in minifying the value of some of the salient problems which at this unique moment are absorbing the interest and strength of city and province alike; but one may confidently assert that one of the questions, big with destiny, has not yet received the attention its importance demands, i. e., the protection and training of children—particularly of the boys who are much in evidence on our city streets after nightfall. A community is great not alone, or even chiefly, because of prosperous business enterprises, progressive public works increased luxury and growing revenues, but rather in proportion to the quality of its men—the integrity, nobility and patriotism of its citizens.

Has it not been demonstrated, times without number, that is is possible for an individual or community successfully to cultivate the industrial, acquisitive, social and aesthetic faculties, and lose the divine and surpassing art of developing the man and the patriot! In saying this, I profess not to declare any new thought, but to invite attention anew to the royal importance of the training of our future citizens. It belongs not to the scope of this letter to point out the defect, or fasten the blame, but simply to assert, what is most commonly conceded, that the condition of a large number of our boys and girls betrays the fact that our system—or lack of system—of training our children—not alone parental but communal training—is gravely defective.

With not a few of our best citizens have I discussed this matter during the last year or two, and with one consent they agree that a wrong exists and that steps should immediately be taken to rectify it.

But time is moving on; boys are becoming men and nothing is being done to save many of them to the state, to society and to a worthy manhood. If some of the lads recently sentenced to the common gaol ever attain to high and patriotic citizenship it will be despite fearful odds now against them. Thank God, I believe in the possibility of any of them reaching up to worthy citizenship in earthly empire not merely, but also to obtain a nobler heritage in God's eternal kingdom.

But alas, how few of such attain the possible! How many of those composing the vagrant, vicious and criminal classes of to-day—menacing property and life and national institutions, burdening the industrious for the maintenance of their worse than useless lives, and inoculating the body social with the deadly virus of their moral corruption—how many of these, I say, might have been self-respecting and valued citizens had they received a few years ago a little of the intelligent and sympathetic consideration to which their incomputable value to God and man entitled them; and which, on the lowest scale of estimation an "enlightened self-interest" on the part of the electorate would have prompted! We believe this province to be big with the potential of a future greatness which no one is bold enough to measure. We welcome the call which such swiftly widening horizon and novel opportunities present to us—summoning us as with trumpet tones, to keep abreast of the thought and progress of the age in all legitimate and scientific development. But with what scathing judgment must posterity scorch our memory, if we make application of this call only, or even mainly, to material development, whilst we leave our boys, or any considerable portion of them to grow up unheeded, into disintegrating, destructive and corrupting forces in society? Is it, for example abreast of the scientific criminology of our time to sentence boys to terms in gaol and penitentiary? (which with the very best care are often but training schools in vice and crime). And that too at a first serious effort at correction? At present no other course is open to judges and magistrates. Surely this ought not so to be.

Again and again I have urged likely persons to initiate a movement on behalf of children—particularly "street boys" but without success. Although somewhat reluctant, on many accounts, I deemed it dutiful to move in this matter, and have taken the responsibility upon myself to call a public meeting for Monday evening, 20th inst., in Temperance hall, Pandora street, at 7:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is (1) To consider the advisability of forming a Children's Aid Society (2) If advisable to take steps to effect organization (3) To arrange for a Christmas tree for street boys. It is earnestly hoped that this gathering will be representative of the best elements of our city; it is not intended to be sectarian or sectional but a communal movement.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has kindly consented to take the chair. The public meeting will be over by eight o'clock to allow friends to fulfil other engagement for that evening.

A. B. WINCHESTER.

GOVERNMENT GROUNDS.

To THE EDITOR:—No one who is able to justly appreciate the excellence of Mr. Rattenbury's work at the government buildings would believe that he could be guilty of the vandalism of recklessly destroying the ornamental shade trees in the government grounds, but one is glad for all that to see his disclaimer.

Every person of taste and cultivation is alive to the beautiful effect obtained by well placed groups of trees in the foreground. The distant buildings are wonderfully enhanced in effect when seen through the partial screening of trees. The contrast of outline is a relief to the eye which seeks variety rather than monotony; if the whole mass can be seen at a glance it palls upon the imagination which has nothing left to gain by nearer approach. The well regulated mind lives in the imagination of something more or better to realise, and drops dead before finality.

The successful laying out of these grounds is worthy the highest artistic effort. It is a work of great importance to the city of the province. The buildings and the site may be grieviously marred by unskilful handing. The Americans appreciated the genius of Olmstead at Washington and elsewhere, and in England and on the Continent Patton, and Milner have produced landscape gardening that is the pride of the owners and a public enjoyment.

It is not merely a question of sticking in trees and shrubs as some self-constituted ignoramus deems best, but the careful selection of trees and shrubs to their identical positions and their artistic grouping, to set off not only themselves, but also the buildings to their best advantage. It requires intimate knowledge of the habits and growth of the individual trees to ensure that artificial blending of form and color that goes to make up the perfect tout ensemble.

My own personal experience led me to call in Mr. Milner, of Sydenham, to advise in laying out the grounds and approaches to several large houses in which I was concerned, and always with the happiest results. It is in this case worth securing the best possible advice to arrive at the best attainable results. This is no reflection upon Mr. Rattenbury's taste and skill, on the contrary, I think he will see the value and wisdom in such a course as helping to display his work before the public to its best advantage, and it will be money well spent in the public interest and to the beautifying of our city of Victoria.

THOS. C. SORBY.

THE CHURCHES TO-DAY.

Great Anniversary of Presbyterianism—Little Folks Day at the Metropolitan.

To-day, the last Sunday in Advent, there will be services at Christ Church cathedral in the usual order. Rev. Canon Beanlands will preach in the morning, and the Bishop at evensong, after which there will be a short devotional service in preparation for the Christmas communion.

At St. John's there will be morning prayer and litany at 11 o'clock and evening prayer at 7. Rev. Percival Jenns being the preacher.

The services at St. Barnabas will be: Holy eucharist, 8 a.m.; choral matins, 11 a.m.; and choral evensong, 7 p.m., the rector preaching.

In the Church of the Holy Saviour, Victoria West, the preacher will be the rector, Rev. W. D. Barner, at all services. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet will be with his own congregation at St. James' throughout the day, the announcements including holy communion at 8 a.m., morning prayer, antecommunion and sermon at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 2:30, and evening prayer with sermon at 7.

All to-day's sermons at the Metropolitan Methodist church will be by the pastor and will mark the anniversary of the Sunday school, the services of the day being appropriate to this important occasion. The morning subject is "The Story of a Little Girl"; while in the evening the theme is "A Battle for a Baby." Special music will be provided by the choir and school.

In the Centennial church, Rev. J. F. Betts will be the preacher both morning and evening. In the Victoria West church the pastor, Rev. J. P. Hicks, preaches, the evening subject—preceded by a half-hour song service—being "The Grain of Mustard Seed"; while at the Bay church the preacher of the day is Rev. George F. Swinnerton.

"The Church at Sardis"—a fifth discourse in the series on the churches of Asia, will be the theme of Rev. R. W. Trotter's remarks at Calvary Baptist church this morning; in the evening he speaks of "The Gospel Christ Preached to Men." In Emmanuel church the preacher will be the pastor, Mr. O. E. Kendall, whose morning subject will be "Mary of Bethany—at school with Christ." The evening theme is "Enoch—or Walking with God."

Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach at the First Presbyterian church to-day, giving in the evening the third of his series of lectures, the subject being "The 250th Anniversary of the Framing of the Standard of the Presbyterian church"—an anniversary which the General Assembly has requested all Presbyterian congregations to celebrate. In St. Andrew's church, Rev. W. Leslie Clay preaches at all services; at St. Paul's, Victoria West, Rev. D. MacRae officiates; and in the district and suburban churches, Rev. J. C. Forster.

Congregationalists meet for worship in Temperance hall, Pandora street, their pastor, Rev. P. C. L. Harris, preaching in the morning from I John, 1, 5; and at the evening service beginning a series of three Christmas sermons. The Sunday school and Bible class meets at 2:30 p.m., and the Y.P.S.C.E. at the close of the evening service.

At the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach morning and evening; in the morning on the subject "We Seek a City," and with "Moses" as the object of consideration in the evening.

"The Ancient Wisdom of Religion" is the subject for consideration at to-night's meeting of the Theosophical Society.

PERSONAL.

S. Perry Mills left last night for Rossland on legal business.

T. D. Conway, of the C.P.R. Telegraphs, is registered at the Victoria.

Edward Kelly and wife, San Francisco, are registered at the Victoria.

L. A. Lewis, New Westminster, is spending a few days at the Victoria.

E. D. Allen came over from Portland by yesterday's City of Kingston.

G. C. Sauer arrived over from the Sound by the City of Kingston yesterday.

Capt. J. Gibson and wife are down from Chemainus, and are guests of the Victoria.

W. B. Munn and J. McMillan, of New Westminster, are guests at the Dominion.

Mrs. Matthewson, of this city, is on her way to St. Paul, Minn., and will arrive there via the C.P.R.

A. Saint Cyr, the Dominion government surveyor, left last night for Ottawa, to present his report on the Stickeen route to the Yukon.

Miss Clearihue was a passenger on the Charmer this morning, her destination being Toronto, where she invends visiting friends.

Mrs. Webber and family, of this city, have left for Hamburg, Germany. They will travel via the C.P.R. and White Star liner Majestic to Europe.

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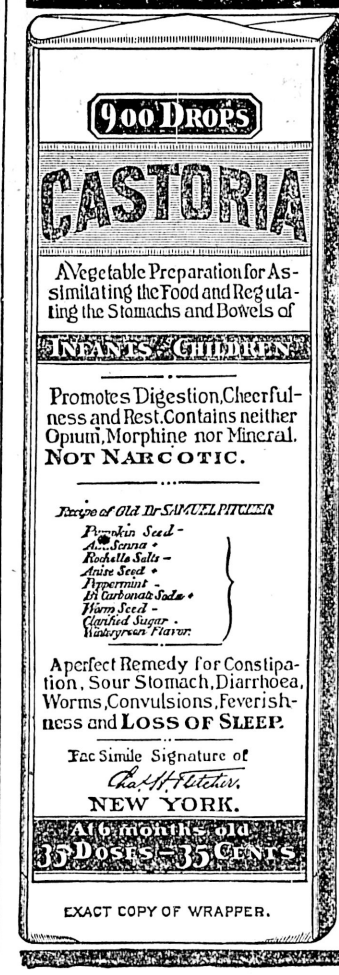

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The head office of the Company is situate at 23 Leadenhall Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at No 30 Broad Street, Victoria, and Caldwell Ashworth, gentleman and free miner, of same address, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are—

(*a*) To acquire in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by purchase, lease, concession, exchange or otherwise, mining property, claims, water rights, and also including lands, mines, mining rights and claims, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating ores and minerals and rendering them marketable metals, including also all kinds of building, machinery and plant useful or supposed to be useful in mining, milling, treating or reducing ores or minerals, and any concessions, grants, decrees, claims, rights or privileges whatsoever which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to dispose of any such concessions, grants, decrees, claims, or privileges.

(*b*) To carry on all kinds of exploration business and, in particular in relation to mines and minerals, to seek for and secure openings for capital, and with a view to any of the objects aforesaid, to prospect, enquire, examine, explore and test, and to despatch and employ expeditions, commissions, experts or other agents. To establish and carry on general stores and to manufacture, import, export, purchase and sell articles for sale therein in Canada, England or elsewhere, and carry on any works in connection therewith, and to carry on business as traders, merchants, storekeepers, general dealers, brokers, hotel, restaurant, cafe, tavern, beerhouse and refreshment room keepers, licensed victuallers, wine and spirit merchants proprietors of clubs, baths, places of amusement and shops, tobacco and cigar merchants, carriage builders, wheelwrights, horsedealers, newspaper proprietors, booksellers, printers, publishers, stationers, miners, farmers, stockmen, graziers, carriers, builders and contractors, brickmakers and any kindred trade or business which may be conveniently carried on in connection therewith, and all kinds of agency business and any other kind of business which seems calculated directly or indirectly to further the working and development of any concession, rights or property of the Company or otherwise benefit the Company.

(*c*) To carry on all kinds of promotion business and in particular to form, constitute, float, lend money to, assist and control any companies, partnerships, associations, or undertakings whatsoever.

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(*e*) To lay out towns, and villages, on the lands acquired or controlled by the Company, and to construct, maintain, alter, make and work railways, tramways, telegraph lines, canals, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, roads, streets, hotels, boarding houses, dwelling houses, factories, shops, stores, gas and water works, piers, wharves, buildings, machinery and other works and appliances of every nature and description, which may be expedient or useful or deemed to be expedient or useful for the purposes of the Company, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing, and carrying on, and working the same.

(*f*) To carry on any business, the carrying on of which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested.

(*g*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Company.

(*h*) To prospect, explore, and develop the resources of the said lands and hereditaments by building, planting, clearing, mining, and otherwise dealing with the same, and to stock the same or other lands, to cut and to sell timber, and generally to mine and carry on all sorts of mining operations in the Dominion of Canada, or any other part of the globe.

(*i*) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, settle, improve, colonize, farm, and cultivate lands and hereditaments in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere.

(*j*) To stock the same or other lands, and to breed and deal in all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep and produce.

(*k*) To work and carry on all or any mines, works and properties from time to time in possession of the said Company in such manner as the directors for the time being may determine; to erect all necessary mills and machinery, and appliances, smelting works, laboratories, workshops, dwelling houses and other buildings; construct, maintain, and alter canals, railways, watercourses, tramways, telegraph lines, or any other lines or system of communication whether by telegram, telephone, phonograph, phonophone, or otherwise, by electricity or by pneumatic force or otherwise, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, gas and water works, drainage works, irrigation works, wharves, piers, and other works of every nature and description, purchase, rent, hire, or charter wagons, steam or sailing ships, to enter into and carry out such contracts and arrangements as may be deemed necessary and desirable to enable the Company to carry on its business and for the general conduct and management of its affairs and the doing of all such other things as may be found incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, whether in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or elsewhere.

(*l*) To buy, sell, manufacture and deal in all kinds of goods, stores, implements, provisions, chattels and effects capable of being used or required by the Company or its workmen, or by any other persons who may settle on the property of the Company, or by others, and for that purpose to carry on the business of a general shopkeeper or merchant.

(*m*) To purchase, build, charter, equip, load (either on commission or otherwise), sell, repair, let out to hire and trade with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds. To carry on the business of carriers by land and water.

(*n*) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any government, British, Colonial or foreign, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions.

(*o*) To obtain any act of Parliament or law or order of any Colonial or foreign legislature or government for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect.

(*p*) To promote, form and register other Companies, in England or in any Colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for all or any of the objects mentioned in this Memorandum, or for advancing directly or indirectly the objects or interests thereof, and to take or otherwise acquire and to underwrite and hold shares, debentures or other securties in or of any such company, and to guarantee the payment of any debentures or other securities issued by any such company.

(*q*) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds, or other securities of or in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.

(*r*) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on or about to carry on any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such Company. To aid in the establishment and support of associations for the benefit of persons employed by or having dealings with the Company, and in particular friendly societies.

(*s*) To carry on all kinds of financial or banking business, and in particular to negotiate loans and advances, to offer for subscription, place, buy, deal in, make merchantable, sell and dispose of ores, minerals, goods, bullion, specie, and valuables of all kinds, and merchandise generally in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain, or elsewhere, and to receive money on deposit, and to collect revenue of all kinds.

(*t*) To sell the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court, where necessary. To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company.

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(*v*) To acquire patent rights and privileges in the United Kingdom or any other country or colony or state for any purposes deemed to be useful for the Company, and to resell the same or turn the same to account by manufacturing thereunder, granting licenses or otherwise.

(*w*) To lend money to any company, partnership, person, or association upon security of their or his undertaking, property, estate, assets, and effects, or any part thereof, upon such terms as may be deemed expedient, and to take such security either in the shape of mortgages, mortgage debentures, or in any other form, or to lend money in Canada or Great Britain or elsewhere with or without security. To make donations to such persons and in such cases as may seem expedient, and to subscribe for any purposes, whether charitable or benevolent, or for any public, general, or useful object.

(*x*) To pay the costs, charges, and expenses of, or in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person or persons for services rendered or to be rendered to the Company, either in cash or in shares of the Company, either wholly or partly paid up.

(*y*) To establish and maintain agencies of this Company in any colony or foreign state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any colony or foreign state.

(*z*) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, either alone or in partnership or in conjunction with any person or other association, and either as principals or agents, and including a power to pay brokerage or commission for services rendered in obtaining or guaranteeing or underwriting capital for the Company or otherwise.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
de11 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No. 11-'97.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Star Exploring and Mining Company."

Registered the 13th day of December, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Star Exploring and Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897."

The head office of the Company is situated in the City of Terre Haute, State of Indiana, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $50,000, divided into shares of the par value of $1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in Victoria, and E. E. Wootton, Barrister and solicitor whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established and registered are: Mining, leasing, buying or selling mineral lands or mining properties, buying or selling mineral ores or mining materials, and the working and operating of mines and the reducing or smelting of ores, and the doing of all that may be necessary to carry on a mining business.

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5 a.m..	30°		
9 a.m..	33°	Highest 38°	5 a.m.—4 N.
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JEWELL—At the Royal Jubilee Hospital on the 16th inst., Henry Jewell, aged 58 years, a native of Toronto, Ontario.

The funeral takes place Sunday, at 2 p.m., from the family residence, 91 Blanchard street. Friends will please accept this intimation.

HARRISON—At his residence 177 Kingston street, on the 17th inst., James Bolton Harrison, a native of Yarm, Yorkshire, England, aged 68 years

The funeral will take place on Sunday, at 2:15 p.m., from the Masonic Temple, Douglas street, and at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 2:45 p.m.

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Since Few United States Citizens Go Sealing the Prohibition Is Mainly for Show.

Canadian Sealers Will Go Ahead and Find Markets Though Prices May Suffer.

The Washington dispatch published yesterday morning, stating that the further bringing of seal skins into the United States would be absolutely prohibited, created no little discussion among local sealers and those who are interested in the industry. The opinion is expressed that one of the first effects of the provision will be to depress the market price of skins, but that ultimately the industry as regards Canada will not suffer much.

The present sealing season promised to open up well, and preparations have been going on for some weeks, indicating an active prosecution of the industry. One reason for this is that seal skins are at present commanding a higher price than last year; in fact at the present prices there appears to be once more "money in the business."

At the last London sales, on the 9th instant, the price was 20 per cent. higher all round than last year, and the news acted as a stimulus here.

Mr. E. B. Marvin, who has been prominent in the industry for many years, said to the COLONIST yesterday speaking of the new legislation: "The attempt to thus deal a blow at the Canadian sealing industry may yet prove futile. I don't think it will deter any Victorian sealer who has made preparations from going out this season. The United States, it is true, is a big market for sealskins, but I think our catch will not be so great that it cannot be disposed of advantageously in foreign markets. One effect the measure would naturally be expected to have will be to depress the market in London for sealskins. There has recently been an advance in prices and the provision is brought forward at a rather inopportune time for us I confess. We have hardly had time to consider this obnoxious provision, but it will have no effect in deterring us from operating as hitherto. Some small sealers may be scared out, but the majority I think will go ahead as though the provision named had never been put in."

Mr. R. Seabrook, of R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., took a different view of the situation. He said: "There is a large stock of old skins on the market at present, and one of the effects of this measure will be to depress the prices. At the last London sales better prices were realized than for some time past, and this led us to believe that we might look for a prosperous season. If the measure has the effect I think it may have, we can look for no improvement in the industry this year. Ultimately, I believe the provision will not affect us.

The American sealers will naturally not do much sealing, and with a restricted catch, the market supply will soon be exhausted by the foreign trade, giving us again buoyant prices. Some sealers here may, upon learning of the provision, decide not to go out this season, but I think the greater portion of the Victoria fleet, notwithstanding the American blow, will soon be proceeding towards the various sealing grounds along the Coast and in the Northern Pacific. The object of the provision is, I think, to discourage us in this important industry, and this object will fail as far as most of us are concerned."

Captain William Grant, whose interests in sealing matters are very considerable, states to the COLONIST that he did not think the provision would ever pass the President. "In any case," he said, "it will in no way alter my decision to send my vessels out this season as usual. It is quite possible that the market may become depressed for a time by this legislation, but I don't think it will remain so, as the European demand for skins is very large, and it will take all the available supply to fill it. It strikes me that while this provision is aimed at the Canadian industry, it is also a big bluff on the part of the States in view of the fact that the Behring Sea arbitration laws expire next fall. They want to make it appear that by prohibiting the sale of sealskins in their country they are making a move in the right direction for preventing the extermination of the seals. The prohibitory provision will not affect the American sealers in the Pacific ocean much, as in late years their operations have been practically nil, only a few vessels each year having gone out from San Francisco and Sound ports."

PROF. O. R. GLEASON, the noted horse trainers, will give another of his popular entertainments in the Market hall next Tuesday. The favorable impression created on the occasion of the professor's last visit here will, no doubt, attract large crowds, particularly as several new and interesting features will be introduced.

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A Pastor Gives Up a Wealthy City Congregation to Labor for Love in the Country.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Rev. Dr. James Farrar, pastor of the First Reformed church, Brooklyn, has determined as soon as matters can be adjusted, to give his life to the preaching of the gospel without pay, and he intends to remove to his humble country home at Idlewild, Pennsylvania, and take a pastorate in a community which does not believe in a paid ministry. Dr. Farrar during the week of prayer will hold service every evening and will explain the meaning of the Koswick movement, to which he has given his whole allegiance. He attended the meetings at the town of Koswick, in England, while abroad last summer. Dr. Farrar will make a great sacrifice in taking this step. He has recently purchased a handsome home on President street; he has a large and influential church, with a number of wealthy men in the congregation, and is in recipt of a salary of $6,000 a year. Dr. Farrar believes that on an income of $500 a year he can support himself and family in the country, and when he has arranged his private affairs so that this will be practically assured to him he will take up his new work.

NO DESIGNS ON HAWAII.

Views of Japan's Government Stated by the Minister at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The views attributed to ex-Secretary Foster in a recent interview in relation to the alleged danger of Japan dominating in Hawaii in the event of the failure of annexation, have occasioned much comment among the Japanese officials in this city. The Japanese minister said to-day that in his opinion it was hardly fair to attempt to draw Japan into the annexation controversy in this manner.

"A well-informed person," said he, "knows that Japan is holding directly aloof from that controversy, and that her government has given conclusive proof of the fact that it has no designs, immediate or remote, upon the Hawaiian islands. The friends of annexation might therefore well afford to allow the question to be settled upon its merits without constantly endeavoring to use Japan as a catspaw. The alleged danger of Japanese domination has always been a stock argument with some of the over-zealous friends of annexation, but it has been repeatedly refuted and its repetition can serve no good purpose. Japanese immigration into Hawaii depends on no other question than that of demand and supply. As quickly as the demand for Japanese labor in Hawaii ceases Japanese immigration will end."

MR. WILLIAM BLAIN, an artist whose modesty has prevented him securing much prominence during his residence in British Columbia, has just completed a somewhat pretentious oil painting, picturing from a new standpoint the artistic capabilities of the inner harbor, the picture being now on exhibition in George R. Jackson's window. In the composition, the new parliament buildings are utilized in the background, the view being as from the Indian reserve across the harbor. The subdued coloring as well as the entire treatment of the subject is particularly fine.

THE management of the Delmonico music hall has secured for the week beginning December 20, Stewart's vitoscope, exhibiting the entire Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson city last march. The exhibition has proved one of the greatest attractions of the season. The vitoscope has been exhibited in all the prominent cities of the States, and has received flattering press notices at all large cities. The exclusive right of Stewart's vitoscope is held by Mr. J. McGuire in this country, a large sum having been paid for this. In addition to the vitoscope an entire new vaudeville show will be given.

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Members of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No 1, A.F. & A.M., B.C.R., are requested to meet at the Masonic Temple, Douglas street, on Sunday next the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, J. B Harrison.

Members of Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No 2, and United Service Lodge, No. 21 and sojourning brethren in good standing, are cordially invited to attend.

By odrer of the W.M.
B. S. ODDY, Sec'y.
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A. O. U. W.

All Brothers of Victoria Lodge No. 1, and Sister Lodges are requested to meet at Hall, Yates street, on Sunday, Dec. 19th, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. sharp, to attend the funeral of our late brother Recorder, Henry Jewell.

By Order,
GEO. GAWLEY, M.W.